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CONTINENT'S KEEN DEMAND FOR DOLLARS
Paris Nervous Over "Gold Clause"
INHERENT WEAKNESS OF GOLD CURRENCIES

London, To-day.
London's mystification as to the very keen demand for dollars on Continental account has elicited the following:—
Paris's demand for dollars developed an early nervousness as to the decision in the "gold clause" case, which is expected to-day. Also some circles are assuming that the issue of 5,000,000 francs in treasury bonds will lead to inflation.
The market is impressed by the weakness of Belgian and Swiss francs, while short-term loans at 8 per cent. indicate the development of a bull campaign in sterling against francs.
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U.S. SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS
NO RULING ON GOLD CLAUSE

Washington, To-day.
The Supreme Court has adjourned until February 4 without giving a ruling on the constitutionality of the abrogation of the gold clause. The ruling is expected on that day.
The Supreme Court promised to direct a ruling on the constitutionality of the National Recovery Act by agreeing to review the decision of the Alabama courts in holding the N.R.A. and lumber code invalid.—Reuter.

1916 CRIME ECHO
Tom Mooney Petition Refused

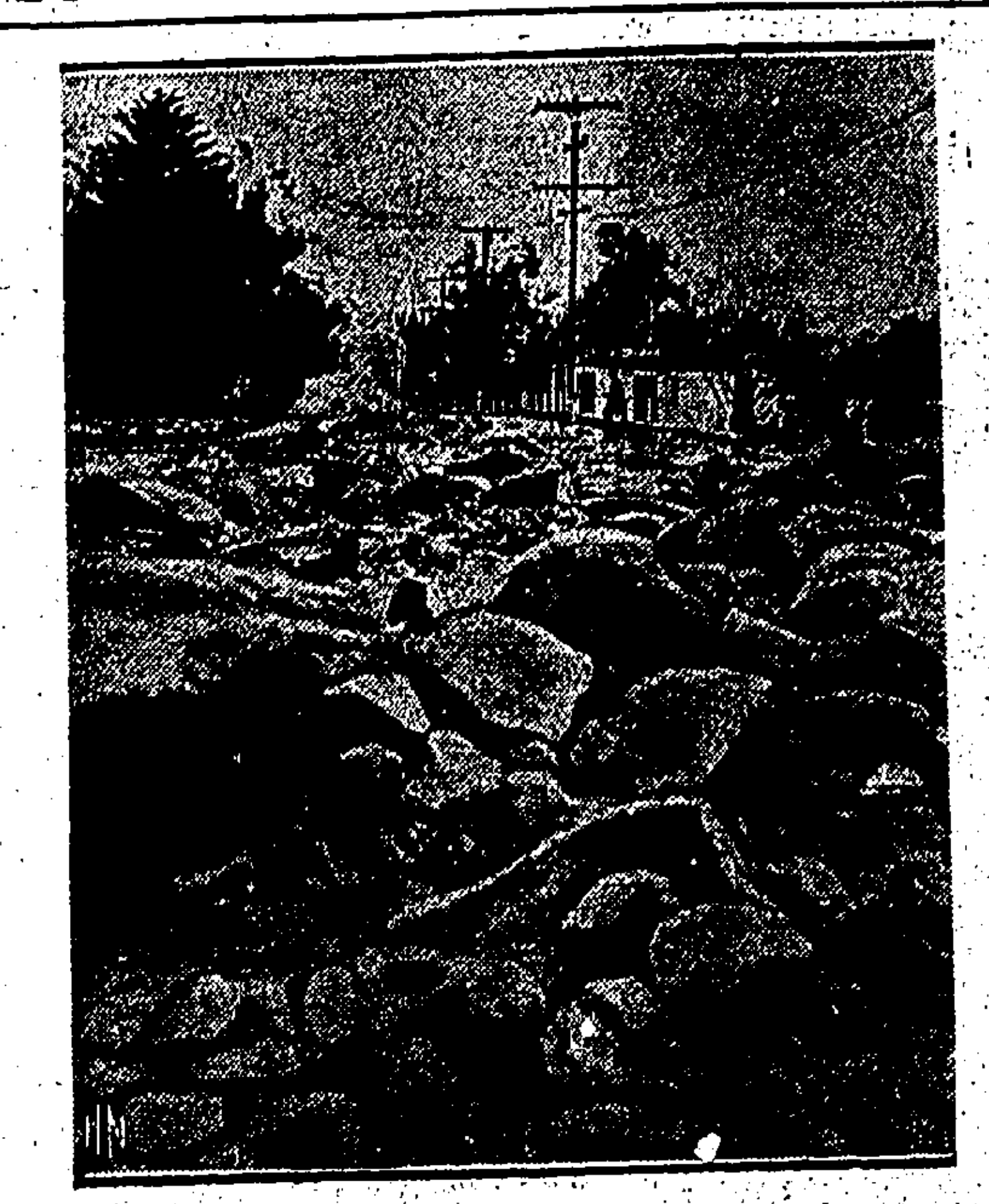
New York, to-day.
The Supreme Court has refused Tom Mooney the right to file Habeas Corpus proceedings to compel the State of California to defend its action in imprisoning him.
Mooney was sentenced to imprisonment for life in 1916 for alleged complicity in a San Francisco bomb outrage.—Reuter.

CANADIAN TRADE PACT WITH U.S.
2 Months' Preliminary Work Necessary

Ottawa, To-day.
The United States intention of negotiating a trade agreement with Canada was announced by the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. R. B. Bennett, in the House of Commons yesterday.
This is the culmination of the efforts begun in the spring of 1933 when Mr. Bennett conferred with President Roosevelt at Washington. Two months' preliminary work will be necessary before anything definite can be arranged.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST
The anticyclone has increased in intensity and covers the whole of China and adjacent seas, pressure being highest over Mongolia. The depression, which has attained great intensity, is centered over Hokkaido. The local typhoon for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was north-east winds, fresh, fair.

RISE IN ASSETS FOLLOWING RANSOM PAYMENT



The recent heavy rain and swollen streams washed huge rocks down on Foothill Boulevard at Montrose, Calif., as is here shown. Traffic was tied up until relief workers removed the huge boulders.

EMPEROR PU YI AT PORT ARTHUR
Arrival Amidst Salvo Of 101 Guns
CITY EN FETE

Port Arthur, To-day.
Emperor Pu-yi of the so-called Manchukuo and the imperial suite arrived from Changchun at 7 p.m. yesterday amidst a salvo of 101 guns. The entire city was beflagged with puppet regime and Japanese flags.

Emperor Pu-yi, who appeared in the best of health, immediately proceeded to the ex-residence of the Chief Commander of the Kwangtung Army, closely guarded by a full force of gendarmes and police.—Reuter.

FLYING OVER CHINA

NEW REGULATIONS ARE ISSUED
Nanking, To-day.
Foreign planes intending to fly over China must apply through their legations or embassies for permission from the Chinese Government one month before the flight, according to regulations just issued.

Application must describe the route over China and give assurances that the flight is in no wise connected with military purposes. Visiting planes must not deviate more than 20 kilometres radius from the course described in the application.—Reuter.

55 British Entries For Monte Carlo Car Rally

London, To-day.—There are 55 British entrants representing one-third of the total for the Monte Carlo rally, which is generally recognised as the most severe of the winter motor car tests.
The entrants started their journey from various points on Saturday, there being six continental routes from Norway, Sweden, Estonia, Roumania, Greece, and Sicily, and one across Britain starting from John O'Groats.

HUGE STOCK PURCHASE
"JAFSIE" CONDON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IS FOUND IN BRONX
HIS SIGNIFICANT ABSENCE FROM WORK

Flemington, To-day.
Evidence of a sudden rise in Hauptmann's assets immediately after the date on which the Lindbergh baby's ransom was paid was given by a Treasury Bureau agent on the resumption of the Hauptmann trial yesterday. The agent further testified that Hauptmann bought \$50,000 worth of stock during the months subsequent to the payment of the ransom.
Evidence was given also that Doctor "Jafsie" Condon's telephone number at the period around the time of the ransom negotiations was the same as that found pencilled in a cupboard in Hauptmann's home in the Bronx.

HOUSE-BREAKERS FRUSTRATED
Light-Sleeper Foils Theft Attempt
HUSBAND'S PROMPT ACTION

Two or more men made a daring attempt at robbery at 8 a.m. this morning at No. 15, Star Street, the residence of Mr. Tam Wing Kwong, chief clerk and interpreter of Messrs. Peter H. Sin and Company, solicitors. Their attempt was frustrated by the awakening of Mrs. Tam, who happened to be a light sleeper.
It appears that the thieves used a ladder and climbed over the wall of the yard on the ground floor, and then used another ladder, which was on the premises, to get on to the back verandah of the first floor.
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BRISTOL CITY WIN AT LAST

Bury Eliminated From F.A. Cup
London, to-day.
In the F.A. Cup Third Round replay, Bristol City entertained and beat Bury by 2 goals to 1 in their second replay yesterday.
They now meet Portsmouth on Saturday in the Fourth Round.—Reuter.

CHINESE TRADE IN POLAND
Nanking, to-day.—The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce has drawn the attention of the Foreign Office to the alleged discriminations against Chinese trade in Poland. The Chinese Minister in Warsaw has been instructed to investigate the matter.—Reuter.



A. Keith Barrowcliff, under sheriff of Hunterdon County, N.J., points to the chair in Flemington courthouse in which witnesses in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann are testifying during the most sensational trial in the history of America.

18 TROOPERS AND 88 SOMALIS MASSACRED
Abyssinian Tribesmen On War Path

Djibouti, to-day.
A French administrative officer, 18 troopers and 88 Somalis have been massacred in French territory by marauding tribesmen from the Abyssinian border province.—Reuter.

SALE OF C.E.R.
AGREEMENT NOW REACHED
WILL BE SIGNED NEXT MONTH

Tokyo, To-day.
At the eighth meeting between the Soviet delegate, M. Kozlovsky, and the Japanese delegate, Mr. Togo, an agreement was reached concerning the sale of the C.E.R. to the puppet regime at 2 a.m. in the morning.
The Committee, comprising Soviet, Japanese and Manchukuan delegates, will now proceed to draft the actual agreement, which is expected to be signed in Tokyo next month.
Most of the details have been settled in favour of the puppet regime, the Soviet withdrawing the demand for an international arbitrator in connection with the fulfilment of trade contracts and also the ownership of the consular lands and buildings, which, however, will be loaned without charge, indefinitely, to the Soviet as long as they are used as consulates.—Reuter.

CHINA-ITALY RADIO SERVICE
Inauguration To-day

Nanking, to-day.
The Ministry of Communications has announced that direct radio communication between China and Italy will be inaugurated to-day.—Reuter.

VALVERDA ASSUMED OUT OF DANGER
Reassuring Message From Captain

FLAMES SUBSIDE WHEN ENGINE ROOM GUTTED
London, To-day.
The owners of the oil tanker "Valverde" have received a reassuring message from Captain Thomson to the effect that the engine-room is gutted but the flames have now subsided. No mention is made of the crew.
The owners assume that the "Valverde" is out of danger and the crew are unharmed.—Reuter.

45 RESCUED FROM JAPANESE BOAT
President Jackson Answers S.O.S.

Seattle, To-day.
During a heavy gale with raging seas two lifeboats from the liner President Jackson rescued 45 members of the crew of the Japanese steamer Hokuman Maru which sent out distress signals owing to a serious list while 180 miles west of Vancouver Island.—Reuter.

RATIONALISATION OF SHIPPING INDUSTRY
Draft Scheme Prepared For Conference

London, To-day.
The "Financial News" understands that a draft scheme for the rationalisation of the shipping industry is to be submitted at the forthcoming international shipping conference. It proposes that an international fund should be provided by making a levy on the ship tonnage working under the protection of the scheme, and that compensation will be paid from that fund for laying up expenses of serviceable vessels that have agreed to be withdrawn from the shipping market. An unserviceable vessel will be scrapped and the owners will be compensated.—Reuter.

HIROTA'S SPEECH

PUPPET REGIME PROBLEMS NOW FULLY SOLVED

Japan Seeks Closer Relationship With World Powers
PLEA FOR PEACE
Tokyo, To-day.

"At the recent extraordinary session of the Diet I had the honour to present the outline of our foreign relations, whereby the most gratifying aspect is the notable accretion of the cordial sentiments between Japan and the other Powers," said Mr. Koki Hirota in his speech at the sixty-seventh session of the Diet yesterday. "It is the cardinal principle of our foreign policy to promote Japan's peaceful and friendly relations with every country of the world, and to develop further cultural and commercial intercourse."

"Now that the work of laying the national foundations of the puppet regime has been completed, her future progress will largely depend, I believe, on the unreserved co-operation between her people and ours, especially in the economic field; it may well be expected that by ministering to each other's wants we shall be able to achieve ample measures of natural well-being and prosperity."

"In these circumstances one cannot but be moved greatly by the announcement that the Emperor Kangle of the puppet regime will visit His Majesty the Emperor of Japan at Tokyo this spring, and thus add to the ties of amity between the two imperial houses. It is certainly a rare privilege and honour for our entire nation to have the opportunity of welcoming to our shores His Majesty the Emperor of the puppet regime."

NAVAL QUESTION
"The Japanese Government are paying particular attention to the naval disarmament question."
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NO EXCEPTION CAN BE TAKEN TO THE TONE

"TIMES" COMMENTS ON "NEW POLICY"
INDIRECT COMPLIMENT

London, To-day.
Little exception can be taken to the tone of Mr. Koki Hirota's statement, declares "The Times" in a leader.

Even in China, where the forcible seizure of Manchuria and its conversion into the client state of Manchukuo have left a bitter and recent memory, his appeal for friendly collaboration between the two great nations of Eastern Asia and the indirect compliment paid to the Republican Government may expedite the slow but perceptible improvement in the relations between Nanking and Tokyo.
Mr. Hirota, it says, has fulfilled his countryman's expectation that the present year would be marked by an attempt to place Japanese and Chinese relations on a firmer and friendlier footing.
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TO-MORROW
THE HISTORICAL
FILM OF WAR
THE STORMTROOP
OF 1917

BRIDGE NOTES

DARING
BIDDING

by Ely Culbertson.

To-day's hand must be accepted in the spirit of good, clean fun. The North and South players, and particularly the North player, were guilty of one of the worst bits of overbidding I have seen in a long while. North had some slight excuse and some bit of logic behind his bids but it still took very careful and very sound defence by his partner eventually to bring about the defeat of the East and West partnership.

South, Dealer
North and South vulnerable

North:—
S—J 8 6 5
H—7 4 8
D—9 8 5 4 3
C—7

West:—
S—A 10
H—6
D—10 7 8
C—Q J 9 8 6 3 2

East:—
S—K 7 4 3 2
H—J 10 9 8 5
D—A Q J
C—

South:—
S—Q 9
H—A K Q 2
D—K 2
C—A K 10 5 4

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South West North East
1C Pass(1) Pass(2) 1S.
1NT(3) 2C(4) 2D(5) 2H.
Dbl. 2S. Dbl.(6) Pass
Pass

1—West naturally passes, hoping against hope that his vulnerable opponents will play the hand in clubs.

2—A very, very sound pass.

3—South has an enormous hand and quite correctly decides to make some further bid. He does not bid more than one notrump as he knows his partner must have a Yarborough or near Yarborough.

4—West, with seven cards in the club suit, quite correctly shows it, knowing because he has passed on the first round that his partner will not misread the bid as forcing bid.

5—This bid by North is not particularly bad. He knows his partner has a very strong hand and some support for diamonds. He also knows that the bid cannot drastically mislead South since he has passed to the one-club bid on the first round.

6—This Double by North is sporting, to say the least. Despite the fact that his partner's notrump bid should show something in spades, and despite the fact that his own hand contains four cards to the Jack in that suit, the Double is still definitely bad. If the opponents fulfil their contract, they will score a game, and even though North suspects South has a very big hand, he still has no way of telling that it is quite as big as it actually is. South has actually underbid.

South, however, came to his partner's rescue. He immediately decided against the more or less natural opening of the diamond King, realising that since North had passed to one club, the diamond suit in the North hand did not have to be stopped by a high honour. South further reasoned that with his own enormous hand and his partner's double, the opponents could only fulfil their contract by getting a ruff or two in Dummy. In an effort immediately to prevent this possibility, South opened the nine of trumps, a most unusual lead away from the Queen.

It is easily seen that after this lead the declarer's case was hopeless. The Ace of spades in Dummy won the first trick, and a heart was lost to South's Queen. South now laid down the Queen of spades, removing Dummy's last trump, and then was put in again with a second heart lead. He now tried to cash one club trick, but the declarer ruffed, and again put South in with a heart. South now, not being certain whether or not his partner had two "natural" trump tricks, cashed his own two, and the declarer counted out the hand, and gave his partner a ruff, and the fourth round of hearts. North, of course, returned the diamond

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"WHOM THE GODS DESTROY"
—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Walter Connolly, the character actor, gives one of his most outstanding performances in Columbia's current release, "Whom the Gods Destroy," now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The film opens with a spectacular shipwreck, after which it goes into a tense, poignant recital of a man's battle with his conscience. And, while the story is important, it is the actor's splendid characterisation that will be remembered.

While the dramatic burden falls on the shoulders of Connolly, the remainder of an outstanding cast lends invaluable support. This includes Robert Young, Doris Kenyon, Hobart Bosworth, Gilbert Emery, Jack Mulhall, Mary Carr, Rolfe Lloyd, Henry Kolker and Scotty Beckett.

"OF HUMAN BONDAGE"
—KING'S THEATRE

W. Somerset Maugham's poignant and powerful story, "Of Human Bondage," is at last brought to the screen by R.K.O.-Radio.

It is the story of Philip Carey, played by Leslie Howard, who believes that dreams and human bondages are the stuff of which mortals are made of. He himself was in bondage—enamoured to a beautiful, but worthless and utterly selfish, woman, whom he worships with a strange passion stronger than anything he possesses in life.

As Philip Carey, a medical student, he is well bred, artistically inclined, and is doubly sensitive because he is lame. He meets Mildred, a waitress, and is at first intrigued and then enslaved by her.

He is powerless to break the mysterious chains which bind him to Mildred, who takes what he has to offer, but gives nothing in return, and even the love of an intellectual woman of his own class is unable to free him from the bondage.

Bette Davis plays the role of the luring, soulless Mildred, and Kay Johnson portrays the woman who tries in vain to break the chains of the selfish waitress. Frances Dee is seen as another dominating figure in the tangled love pattern.

Supporting roles are played by Reginald Denny, Alan Hale, Reginald Sheffield and Reginald Owen.

"THE RETURN OF THE TERROR"
—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

"The Return of the Terror," a mystery drama, written by the late Edgar Wallace, is First National's current release now at the Alhambra Theatre.

The story involves a doctor, superintendent of a hospital, who is accused of murdering patients to put them out of misery, and who is sent to the insane asylum to save him from the electric chair. On the same night that he escapes, several other murders occur, and a startling, unexpected climax vindicates him and reunites him with the woman he loves.

Mary Astor has the leading role as the owner of the sanatorium which her lover conducts, and she is superb in her role. John Halliday, again a physician and the accused lover, gives a convincing portrayal while Lyle Talbot is excellent as a hypocritical surgeon in a house of murder, as is Frank McHugh, portraying a newspaper reporter, who is largely instrumental in solving the mystery.

The supporting cast includes Robert Barrat, Irving Pichel, George E. Stone, J. Carroll Naish, Frank Reicher, Robert Emmett O'Connor, Renee Whitney, Etienne Girardot and Maude Eburne.

"THE THIN MAN"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

William Powell, the actor of many gentleman crook roles, gives an excellent characterisation of a re-

turned criminal in "The Thin Man," and the declarer in desperation had to finesse. South's diamond King was the fifth trick, and North's spade Jack provided the sixth and setting trick.

It is easily seen that any slight slip on the part of South, particularly on the opening lead, would have enabled East and West to fulfil their contract. Frankly, it does not seem that North deserved his victory, but the fact is that he did it, and he did it well. He was just fourth round of hearts. North, of course, returned the diamond



Although Albert Fish, shown in a New York court, contends he is guilty only of the dreadful murder of 10-year-old Grace Budd, the authorities believe that investigation will prove the aged painter a "Modern Bluebeard."

tired detective in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's current production "The Thin Man," now at the Oriental Theatre.

Powell comes in a role that is entirely different from the usual trend of detective films. Powell and his wife (Myrna Loy) are just enjoying life and letting the world go by, when he, against his will, is dragged into a most perplexing mystery, and eventually into solving it.

Maureen O'Sullivan, Nat Pendleton, and Minna Gombell are in the supporting cast.

"WASHINGTON MERRY GO ROUND"—STAR THEATRE

The inimitable Lee Tracy and Constance Cummings in a very entertaining film entitled "Washington Merry Go Round" produced by Columbia Pictures, and directed by James Cruze, is showing at the Star Theatre.

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"A NIGHT OF TERROR"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

There are thrills, coupled with an authenticity, about "A Night of Terror," the Columbia mystery drama, now showing at the Majestic Theatre, which makes it an achievement in the realm of terror pictures.

The cast includes several prominent players, such as Bela Lugosi, the "Dracula" of the screen, Sally Blane and Wallace Ford. Miss Blane provides the love interest.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.H.W. on a wave length of 855 metres (845 K.C.s):—

A TALK ON "THE 1935 WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC"
Mr. G. C. Pelham To-night 12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.

1.40 p.m.—(Approx.)—A Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden—Rotarian the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell on "An Account of a Trip to England and Back by Air."

2.10 p.m.—(Approx.)—Close Down.
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, London and New York Stock and Commodity Quotations.

7.08-7.32 p.m.—Band Selections.
The Mill in the Black Forest (Ellenberg).

March of the Mountain Gnomes (Ellenberg).

Les Cloches de Corneville (Planquette) Words and Music.

7.32-8 p.m.—Variety.
Sunshine Suite—Medley.

Goodnight Vienna—Medley.
Rale da Costa and Harry Jacobson.

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Humorous—Truly Rual.
It isn't Love.....Ronald Frankau.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
8.03-8.15 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Talk on "The 1935 World Bridge Olympic" by Mr. M. E. Polli.
8.15-8.48 p.m.—

Excerpts from "Yes Madam" sung by Binnie Hale, Bobby Howes, Herbert Belmont, Billy Leonard, Hancock Brook, Wylie Watson, Vera Pearce and Hippocras.

Theatre Company & Orchestra.
8.48-9 p.m.—In a Fairy Realm Suite (Albert Kotelbey).

9-9.20 p.m.—From the Studio.
"Topical Talks on the United Kingdom" by Mr. G. C. Pelham.

9.20-9.30 p.m.—Selections from "Chauve: Souris" by N. Balleff's Chauve-Souris Company.

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.
London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.55-10.05 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Piano Solo Recital by Harry Os.

1. Two Bagatelles.....Beethoven.
2. Tarantella.....Chopin.

3. Six Finnish Folk Songs.....Sibelius.
4. Musette.....Sibelius.

5. Gavotte.....Glasgow.
6. 8th Hungarian Rhapsody.....Liszt.

10.05-10.15 p.m.—Welsh Memories sung by The Maestros.

10.15-10.30 p.m.—The Tidworth Tattoo—1934, by the Massed Bands of the Southern Command.

10.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.

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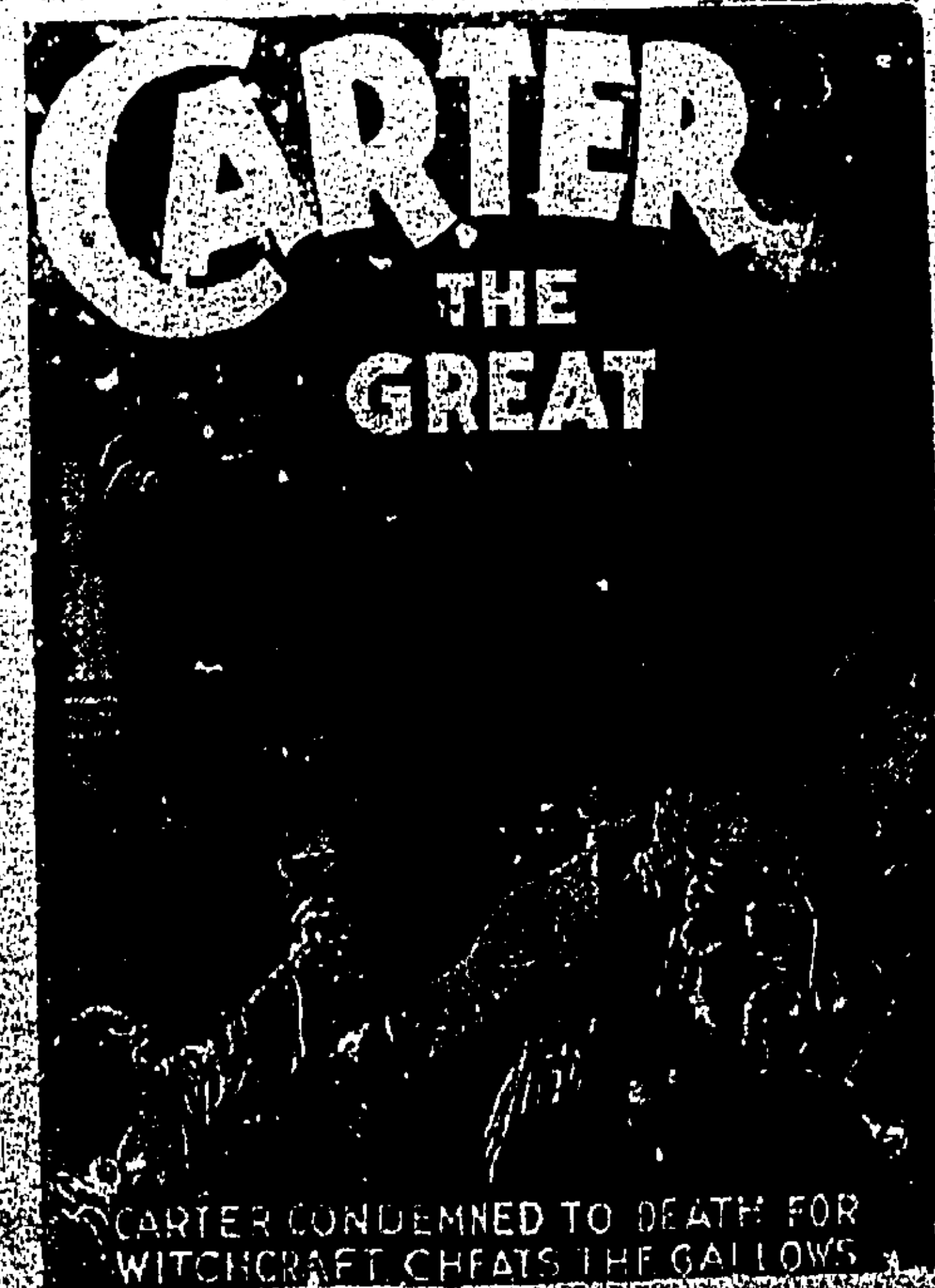
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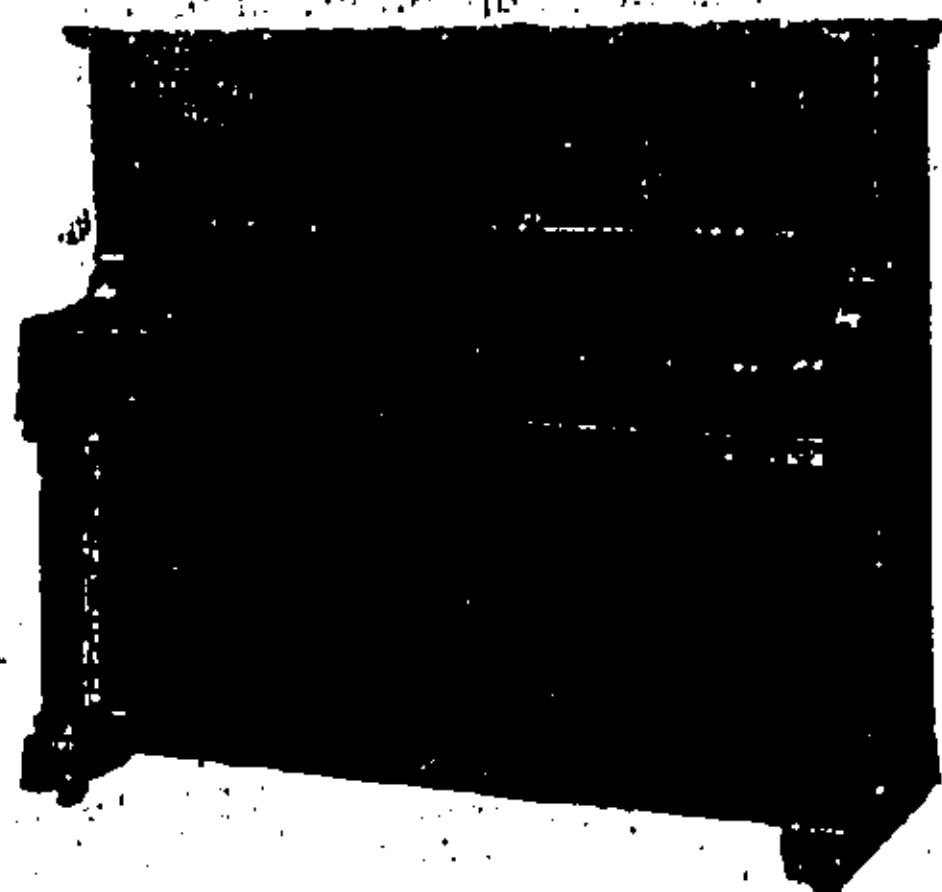
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MICK THE MILLER FOR AMERICA

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GREYHOUND TRACKS FOR
CANADA?

Mick the Miller, most famous of racing greyhounds, is to visit Canada and the United States. It is likely that an extensive tour will be arranged in both countries.

There are a number of greyhound racing tracks in the United States, and there is a proposal to establish the sport in Canada. Inquiries have been made on behalf of Ontario sportsmen at the offices of the National Greyhound Racing Club and the London Tracks Committee as to the procedure for the establishment and regulation of the sport.

Remarkable Racing Career

Mick the Miller was bred in Ireland by Father Brophy, who brought him to England for the 1929 Greyhound Derby at the White City. His present owner, Mr. Arundel H. Kempton, is stated to have paid \$2,000 for him. Under the care of Sydney Orton, of Wimbledon, Mick had a remarkable racing career in England. He ran in 48 races (winning 36) and 18 matches (winning 10) during 1929-30-31. The total prize money he won in England was \$3,635.10s.

W. MACFARLANE REACHES
AUSTRALIA

Melbourne. Willie Macfarlane, the British professional sprint champion and winner of the last two "Powderhall" New Year sprints, has arrived here. He will compete for the world's championship against A. J. E. Robertson, the Australian holder of the title, and Eddie Tolson, the former Olympic 100 and 200 metre champion.

China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Hockey.—
East Lancashire v. H.K.S.R.A. (4.30 p.m.)
Y.M.C.A. v. Radio Sports Club (Y.M.C.A. ground, 5.15 p.m.)

TO-MORROW
Badminton.—"B" Division
Club de Rekreio v. Five Brides
V.R.C. v. Sailors' and Soldiers' Home (8 p.m.)

Hockey.—
Police second v. H.M.S. Tamar (Police Training School ground, 4.30 p.m.)
Hong Kong Hockey Club Seniors v. Lincolnshires (King's Park, 5 p.m.)

Rugby.—
Club "A" v. A Navy fifteen (Club ground, 4.45 p.m.)

LADIES' YACHTING Seventh Championship Series

In the seventh Ladies' Championship yacht race, held under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday, Mrs. G. D. Adams piloting True Blue, crossed the line over a course of 5.4 miles to beat a field of 12.

Miss J. G. Mackie at the helm of Gull and Mrs. Sheldon in La Linda came second and third, respectively. In the "H" Class over the same course, Miss M. Whitlam, in charge of Diana, crossed the line ahead of five other yachts. In the "Y" and "G" Classes, Miss J. Bryden, at the helm of Heron, beat 13 other boats; Miss N. Bilderbeck came second in Allie.

BRITISH ROLLER SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

The one-mile British amateur roller-skating championship will take place at Forest Gate, London, on March 15. The holder is D. Howard (Alexandra Palace).

Sporting Chatter

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

ONE of the most controversial subjects in sport at the moment is what action a cricket umpire will take next season if he forms the opinion that a fast bowler is making a systematic attack on the batsman when standing clear of the wicket.

Mr. P. F. Warner, a former England captain and Test team selector, throws some light on this subject in his editorial notes in the *Cricketer Annual*.

"If the captain ignores the fact that the umpire has drawn his attention to the matter," he says, "it would be the duty of the umpire to tell the captain that he would have to report the incident to his county committee. The opposing captain, too, might well have something to say."

"I do not believe that such a situation is likely to arise, for the cricketers, with rare exceptions, are against this type of bowling, and surely the county committees will back up the M.C.C.'s recommendation."

"It is hard to imagine that any captain will flout the decision of the premier club, backed up by the counties. If he should so act there is an obvious remedy. He can go."

CRICKET UMPIRES

UMPIRES who are to administer the new cricket rulings in 1935 will be appointed shortly, when captains of the first and second class counties will meet at Lord's for the purpose.

The same body is responsible for the fixing of payments to be made to umpires, and I make them the present of a suggestion which, I feel, would meet with general approval.

WHO WANTS A TEAM?

"VACANT" for adoption — one football team.

Applications should be made to Tunbridge Wells Rangers — and I am not leg-pulling.

The club are members of the Kent League and Southern League, and recently they were obliged to dispense with the services of their manager.

They are now looking for a League club who will adopt them as a nursery in the same way that Spurs have adopted Northfleet and Arsenal have taken over Margate.

NEXT BIG FIGHT

JEFF DICKSON is in a great hurry about his Albert Hall boxing days.

Only recently he had Kid Berg battling for the light-weight title, and in future our attention will be needed for Jack McAvoy's meeting with Kid Tunero, from Cuba.

After having the error of his ways pointed out, Dickson has now consented to put McAvoy in at 11st. Gb. — the middle-weight poundage — instead of at an old weight which meant nothing.

We, therefore, have the prospect at last of seeing McAvoy's claims to world honours put to the test at championship weight by a man in the top flight.

Tunero has beaten Marcel Thill, and it will be a big lift-up for McAvoy if he can dispose of him.

ATHLETICS IN DEVON

THE athletic season is a long way off, but it is good news for runners that the city of Plymouth has again decided to promote a big meeting next summer. The date of it is June 15.

Athletic meetings on a large scale are all too few, but I am told that all the leading clubs such as Achilles, the Milocarians, the L.A.C., are being invited to compete for some £250 worth of prizes.

Athletics in Devon were almost non-existent a few years ago, but the initial venture last year at Plymouth was a successful one. The meeting next June is being described as "England's Athletic Ascot."

E. D. Page, the sprinter R. H. Thomas, the mile champion G. T. Hamphill, and D. O. Finlay, were among the many stars who ran last summer, and the indications are that another gathering of championship will be held on the Plymouth Argyle ground in June.

AUSTRALIAN GOLFERS FOR UNITED STATES

Bolger A Potential
World Champion

SARAZEN'S COMMENT

Melbourne, Australia. Possibility of the establishment of a regular series of matches between Australian and United States professional golfers along the lines of the Ryder Cup contest between the United States and Great Britain, was realised when the touring American professionals prepared to return home.

A team headed by Paul Runyan, United States P. G. A. champion, made a successful tour of the antipodes, and there is discussion of the Australian professionals returning the visit next year, or in 1936.

Australians For Britain. In the meantime, Gene Sarazen, making an independent tour of Australia, has contributed \$250 toward a fund being raised to send two of Australia's rising young golfers, W. Bolger, the open champion, and D. Spence, who was third, in the open, to the United States and Great Britain next summer.

After watching Bolger play, Sarazen said he believed he was a potential world champion and would perform well in the big American and British events.

VIRGINIA VAN WIE IS MOST POPULAR ATHLETE

U.S. Women's Golf
Champion's Honour

HELEN JACOBS COMES
AFTER WINNER

New York, Dec. 20. To Virginia Van Wie, 25-year-old girl who captured the United States women's golf championship this year for the third successive time, goes the distinction of being rated the outstanding, feminine sports star of 1934.

First woman golfer to win this honour in the four-year history of the Associated Press Sports Poll, Miss Van Wie gained the No. 1 ranking position in competition with rivals in all women's sports, by vote of the country's sports editors and writers.

Although the poll disclosed a wide range of opinion, Miss Van Wie finished with a substantial margin over her three closest rivals. Helen H. Jacobs, three-time United States tennis champion, Lenore Kight and Katherine Rawls, famous swimmers, who were ranked in that order by the voting fraternity of experts.

Given First Place By 37. Miss Van Wie who was put at the head of the list by 37 out of 102 observers and accumulated a total of 177 points, figured on the basis of all placings. Miss Jacobs, winner of the 1933 Associated Press poll, trailed behind Miss Kight in first-place nominations, by 16 to 19, but won second position on points with a total of 131 to Miss Kight's 89. Miss Rawls, the little Florida girl, who holds all-around swimming honours, obtained 11 first-place votes and 72 points.

Mildred (Babe) Didrikson, the Texas girl who was a 1932 Olympic sensation and won the No. 1 ranking position in that year's poll, finished fifth, with 20 points, one more than Stella M. Walsh, the Cleveland Polish girl and Olympic sprinting champion.

Miss Didrikson, although not so conspicuous since she turned professional, attracted attention this year because of her latest display of versatility by scoring a 77 in a golf tournament.

Dorothy Round Included. Miss Didrikson and Olive McKean, Seattle swimming star, each received four votes for first place. Miss Walsh received three, Glenn Collett Vane and Eleanor Holm Jarrett, two each, and Dorothy E. Round, Anne B. Townsend, Margaret Orcutt and Mrs. Lela Hall, one each.

Tabulation of the poll on the outstanding woman athlete of 1934, showing total points (figured on basis of 8 points for first place, 7 for second, 6 for third).

Individual Sport Position

Champion: Virginia Van Wie, golf. U. S. 177 points.
Runner-up: Helen H. Jacobs, tennis. U. S. 131 points.
Third: Lenore Kight, swimming. U. S. 89 points.
Fourth: Katherine Rawls, swimming. U. S. 89 points.
Fifth: Mildred (Babe) Didrikson, track and field. U. S. 72 points.
Sixth: Stella M. Walsh, track and field. U. S. 72 points.

SIDNEY WOOD RANKS FIRST IN EAST

SHIELDS RELEGATED TO
SECOND PLACE

DOROTHY ANDRUS NO. 1 LADY

New York. Sidney B. Wood Jr. of New York, who made a good showing last season in American lawn tennis and as a member of the United States Davis Cup team, has been ranked at the top of the list by the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association for 1934.

Wood was ranked in third place a year ago behind Gregory S. Mangin (2) and Francis X. Shields (1). Shields has gone down to second place and Mangin to fifth.

R. Berkeley Bell, the former Texas star who now resides in this city, has advanced from sixth to third place in the Eastern rankings. Clifford S. Sutter, former New Orleans player, has been given fourth place, held last year by J. Gilbert Hall of Orange, N. J. Hall occupies sixth place in the new list.

Other members of the first 10 are Dr. Eugene H. McCulliff Jr., No. 7; Edward W. Feibleman, No. 8; Leonard Hartman, No. 9, and Frank J. Bowden, No. 10. Hartman was No. 21 in the 1933 list, Bowden was No. 9 and Dr. McCulliff No. 8.

Dorothy B. Andrus of Stamford, Conn., returns to the top of the women's list, which she also headed in 1933 because she did not play in this country, spending most of her time on the French Riviera.

Lady Champion Drops Back. Baroness Maud Levi, No. 1 in 1933, dropped to second place this year. Mrs. Frederick McBridge, Norma Taubele and Grace Surber occupy third, fourth and fifth places, respectively.

Changes have also been made in first place in the girls' singles, junior singles and boys' singles. In the girls' singles, Helen Pederson has been placed ahead of M. Millicent Hirsch, the United States girls' indoor champion. John R. Behr has been given top place in the junior singles, replacing Joseph J. Abrams, and Henry H. Daniels has become the No. 1 player among the boys, replacing Lyman W. Crossman Jr. The leaders in each list:

Eastern Rankings

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Sidney B. Wood Jr.
2. Francis X. Shields.
3. R. Berkeley Bell.
4. Clifford S. Sutter.
5. Gregory S. Mangin.
6. J. Gilbert Hall.
7. Dr. Eugene H. McCulliff Jr.
8. Edward W. Feibleman.
9. Leonard Hartman.
10. Frank J. Bowden.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. Dorothy B. Andrus.
2. Baroness Maud Levi.
3. Mrs. Frederick McBridge.
4. Norma Taubele.
5. Grace Surber.
6. Florence S. LeBoutillier.
7. Mrs. William V. Hester Jr.
8. Carolyn Roberts.
9. Mrs. Henry C. Bruns.
10. Helen Pederson.

GIRLS' SINGLES

1. Helen Pederson.
2. M. Millicent Hirsch.
3. Hope Knowles.
4. Patricia Cummings.
5. Sally Childers.

JUNIOR SINGLES

1. John R. Behr.
2. Gerard B. Podesta.
3. John Mahoney.
4. Bernard M. Freedman.
5. Stanley Singer.

BOYS' SINGLES

1. Henry H. Daniels.
2. Merwin Kantrowitz.
3. Robert A. Low.
4. John von Maur.
5. K. Randall Jr.

WIGHTMAN CUP

Great Britain has challenged the U.S. for the Wightman lawn tennis cup, which the Americans have won for the past three years, their last success being on the Centre Court at Wimbledon this year. Next year's contest will take place in the United States.

sprint champion
Dorothy E. Round, tennis, British champion
Glenn Collett Vane, golf, former U. S. champion
Eleanor Holm Jarrett, swimming, backstroke champion
Olive McKean, swimming, U. S. sprint champion
Anne B. Townsend, field hockey
Sarah H. Palfrey, tennis
Carolyn A. Babcock, tennis
Helen H. Hicks, golf, professional
Mrs. Lela Hall, trapshooting
Betty Johnston, golf, southern champion
Maureen Greut, golf, United States champion
Hingie Vane for the following: Dorothy E. Round, tennis; Betty Johnston, golf; Margaret Orcutt, golf; Stella M. Walsh, track and field; Lenore Kight, swimming.

At the invitation of His Excellency the Governor-General of the Philippines, islands, the Government of Hong Kong has nominated the following delegates to the Second Congress for Prehistoric Research in the Far East: Mr. Walter Schofield, M.A., Professor J. L. Shellshear, D.S.O., M.D., Ch.M., and The Reverend Father D. J. Finn, S.J., M.A.

TABLE TO DATE

The following league table includes all matches played to date:

STEEL COULSON'S BILLIARDS

ENGINEERS HEAD
LEAGUE

C.P.O.'S CLUB CLOSE ON
THEIR HEELS

As a result of recent matches in the Steel, Coulson's Billiards League, the Royal Engineers Sergeants' Mess have regained the premier position in the league.

The following are the results to date:—

Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	R.A. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	Club
Elvin	150	Wood
Thompson	147	Bloomfield
Crosley	150	Longman
Malone	143	Roach
Benson	121	Symes
Gavin	99	Revel
		Burroughs

810
C.S.M. Elvin made a break of 51.

Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	St. Patrick's Club
Elvin	150
Thompson	101
Crosley	150
Malone	150
Fenner	150
Benson	150
	Young

851
Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes

Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	St. Patrick's Club
Sargent	123
Yeomans	150
Rose	150
West	150
Kitch	150
Elsey R.M.	150
	Gaythorpe

873
R.E. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes

R.E. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	St. Patrick's Club
Hodges	150
Grossmith	150
Staples	150
Regan	150
Harris	150
Hollingworth	150
	Lewis

900
Garrison Sgts' Mess, E. Lanes

Garrison Sgts' Mess, E. Lanes	R.A. Sgts' Mess, E. Lanes
John	127
Flood	104
Williams	150
Smith	99
Ransom	150
King	69
	Bloomfield

699
Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes

Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	R.E. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes
Elvin	150
Thompson	150
Crosley	150
Malone	150
Benson	150
Gaythorpe	150
	Hollingworth

698
L/Sgt. Hodges made a break of 42.

R.E. Sergt's Mess v. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes

R.E. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes
Hodges	150
Grossmith	150
Staples	150
Regan	150
Harris	150
Hollingworth	150
	Elsey R.M.

890
St. Patrick's Club v. Garrison

St. Patrick's Club	Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes
Bailey	118
Kent	115
Funkinn	150
Parkinson	150
Trowt	94
McQuillin	84
	Digby

718
R.E. Sergt's Mess v. C.P.O.'s Club

R.E. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	C.P.O.'s Club
Hodges	150
Grossmith	150
Staples	150
Regan	150
Harris	150
Hollingworth	150
	Elsey R.M.

794
E. R. A. Sargent and S/Sgt. Harris each made a break of 39.

Garrison Sergt's Mess v. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes

Garrison Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes
Smith	99
Tind	145
King	102
John	150
Dyer	147
Flood	150
	Gavin

778
C.S.M. Elvin made breaks of 49 and 41 unfinished.

St. Patrick's Club v. C.P.O.'s Club

St. Patrick's Club	C.P.O.'s Club
Lewis	123
Jordan	83
Funnell	118
Smith	150
Bailey	117
Parkinson	120
	Gowing

719
R.A. Sergt's Mess v. C.P.O.'s Club

R.A. Sergt's Mess, E. Lanes	C.P.O.'s Club
Bloomfield	150
Wood	150
Finchill	150
Longman	150
Roach	150
Symes	150
	Johns

726
The following league table includes all matches played to date:

R.E. Sergt's Mess v. P.W.L. Club

C.P.O.'s Club v. R.E. Sergt's Mess

R.A. Sergt's Mess v. St. Patrick's Club

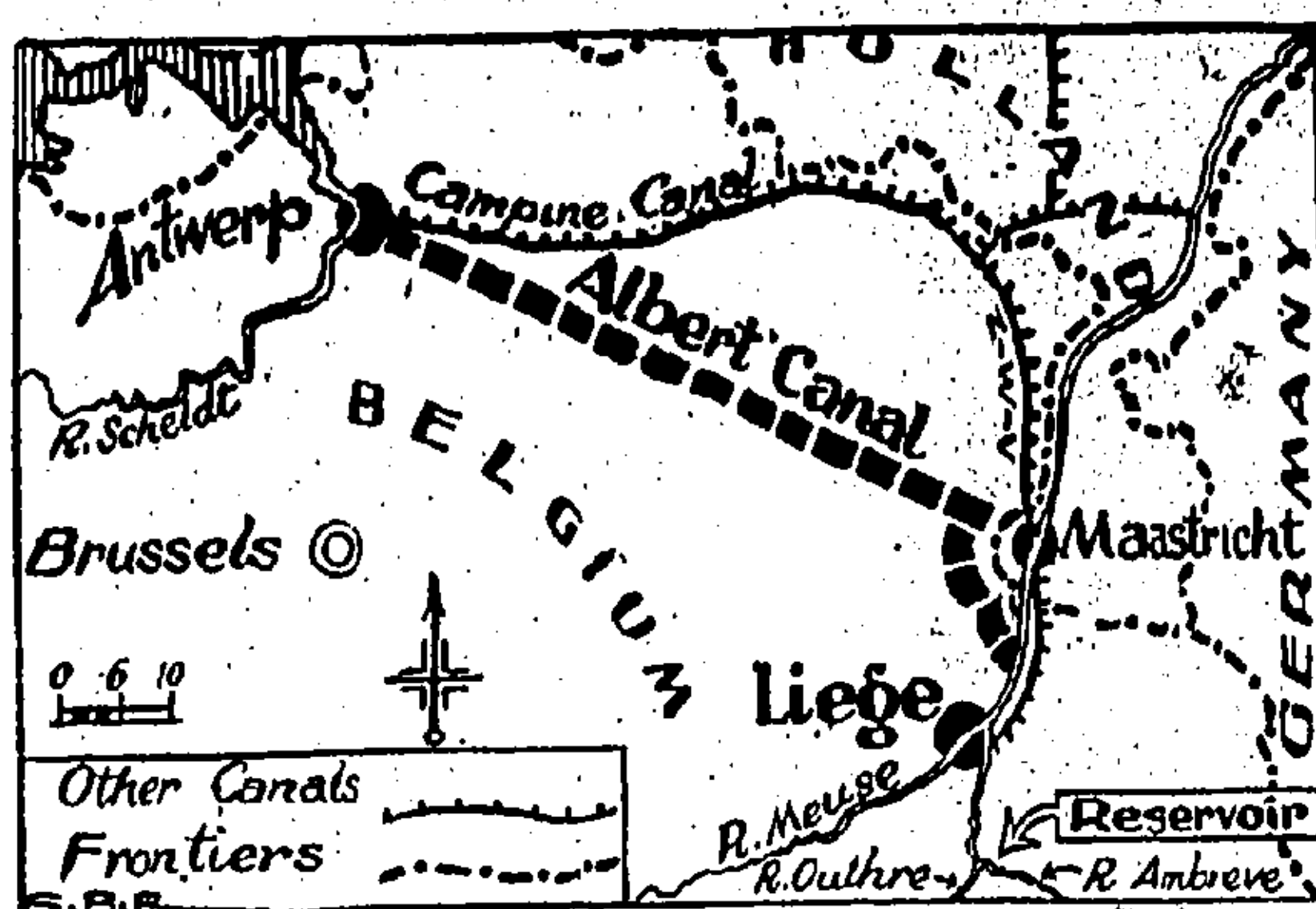
Garrison Sergt's Mess v. St. Patrick's Club

FINAL PART OF GREAT BELGIAN CANAL BEGUN

WORK INAUGURATED BY KING ALBERT

MAGNIFICENT PIECE OF ENGINEERING

100 MILES SEPARATES LIEGE FROM THE SEA



The new section of the Albert Canal has just been opened by King Leopold III. Work of digging actually began with the Centenary of Belgium's Declaration of Independence. The above is a map showing the course of the new canal.

BELGIUM'S greatest engineering feat, the construction of the 100-mile long Albert Canal which is being driven right across northern Belgium to connect Antwerp and Liege by means of a magnificent modern waterway, is proceeding apace. Young King Leopold III and Queen Astrid recently inaugurated the second section of this gigantic undertaking, the total cost of which is estimated at 1,500,000,000 Belgian francs (about £77,000,000). Work on the canal began in 1930, just 100 years after Belgium's declaration of independence, and will, it is hoped, be complete in 1937. Between 1,200 and 1,500 workmen are regularly engaged in the excavation work, assisted by 12 electric navvies, each costing 2,000,000 Belgian francs and capable of removing 700-800 cubic metres of earth a day.

For many years the lack of direct connection between the Meuse and the Scheldt, between the waterways of the east and those of the west which lead to the North Sea, have hampered Belgian industries. Thus, Liege coal going by water to the seaport of Antwerp on the River Scheldt has to cross Dutch territory on its present itinerary, and is forced to make a large detour as well along the northern frontier. From Liege the coal-laden ships follow the canalised Meuse down to the Netherlands frontier, into Holland as far as Maastricht, back into Belgium along the Zuid-Willemsvaart Canal to Bocholt, and thence to Antwerp and the sea via the Campine Canal.

That this great engineering project has the sympathy of Hollanders is shown by the fact that the Queen of Holland invariably to take part in all the official ceremonies connected with the canal which are undertaken by the Belgian sovereigns. In this connection, the Belgian engineers are taking great care not to drain the Meuse and thereby hinder Dutch canal navigation. Ultimately, the required water for the Albert Canal will be obtained, not from the Meuse as at present, but from an immense reservoir south of Liege, to be filled by damming the Ourthe and the Ambeve, two tributaries of the Meuse. This procedure is not expected appreciably to diminish the supply of water available for the Meuse and the Dutch canals.

The new canal looks like a gigantic cutting. The two completed sections have a depth of water of 60 metres and a maximum width of 175 metres. Although built entirely for economic reasons, the canal is also believed to have a considerable strategic importance. Indeed, were an invader ever to cross the frontier north of the Liege forts or through the Netherlands enclave, this huge watery trench, it is pointed out, would serve as a very good line of defence for the Belgian army.

The Albert Canal is expected to change all this. By directly connecting Liege and Antwerp, it will provide Belgium with a modern all-Belgian waterway capable of carrying 1,500-2,000 ton boats instead of the present maximum of 600 tons. The new route will only be 122 kilometres long instead of 163 kilometres and the number of locks will be reduced from 24 to 7.

The new canal will also provide a more profitable outlet for all the Campine and Liege coal, as well as any traffic from the Netherlands enclave which may prefer the more direct route to the sea via Antwerp.

The following quotations have been received through Messrs. S. F. Levy and Company and the American Oriental Finance Corporation:

	Prev.	To-day's
N.Y. London	4.83 1/2	4.83 1/2
N.Y. Cotton—May	12.52	12.57
N.Y. Rubber—May	13.34	13.24
Chicago Wheat—May	98 1/2	97 1/2
Chicago Corn—May	87 1/2	86 1/2
Montreal Silver—Mar.	54.80	54.80
Silver Official	54 1/2	54 1/2

	Jan. 19	close	Change
30 Industrials	102.96	103.35	.39 up
20 Rails	35.14	35.00	.08 off
20 Utilities	17.36	17.51	.15 up
40 Bonds	95.50	96.02	.52 up
11 Commodity	59.61	59.37	.24 off

	To-day's
17 Leading Stocks	
Amer. Can.	56 1/2
Amer. Smelting	25 1/2
Amer. T. & T.	56 1/2
Auburn	25 1/2
Case	56 1/2
Du Pont	6 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	32
General Motors	9 1/2
Int. T. & T.	27 1/2
McIntyre	27 1/2
Montgomery Ward	19 1/2
Nat. Distillers	19 1/2
N.Y. Central	38 1/2
Socony-Vacuum	38 1/2
Union Pacific	38 1/2
U.S. Steel	38 1/2
Westinghouse, E. & M.	38 1/2
Business Done—490,000 shares	

January 24, at 5 p.m.: The discussion will be on geography text-books and atlases.

A canvas bag, containing some tools, valued at \$7, the property of Dr. Bunje, of No. 2 Sookepoo Village, Link Road, was reported to have been stolen from the car park outside the house on Sunday.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," from Manila, is due here at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and will berth at the Victoria Wharf, which has all vessels bound for Hong Kong. The ship is expected to arrive on Sunday.

MURDER TRIAL

Accused Attempts To Establish Alibi

"IN WINE SHOP WHEN CRIME COMMITTED"

A denial of the charge of murder with which he stands on trial for his life, was this morning made by Li Shing, alias Li Wing-wa, who dramatically stated during evidence that while he was in a wine shop in Wing Fung Street, he observed another Chinese male, Mak Fat, running up the road pursued by several Chinese. Mak Fat, went into the butcher's shop and came out armed with an instrument which accused later recognised as a knife. Mak Fat called out, "Come quickly to help."

The charge is being heard before the Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. Justice A. D. A. Macgregor. Mr. J. A. Fraser, the Assistant Attorney General is appearing for the Crown, while Mr. H. C. Macnamara instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, of Messrs. Lyson and Hall, is for the defence.

The special jury empanelled was composed of the following: Messrs. Frederick Cope (foreman), Cheung Wah Sim, Liang Tak Chuen, S. A. Rumjahn, A. I. Ribeiro, Pong Pui Kam, and Thomas A. Pierce.

Mr. Macnamara, before calling the accused into the box to continue his evidence, summarised yesterday's proceedings.

Erroneous Statements
He said, addressing the jury, in regard to certain statements alleged to have been made by the accused and which have already become familiar, have been proved to you to be erroneous.

To begin with the accused was stated to have belonged to some secret society, well, he does not belong to any such society.

Secondly, the accused was alleged to have been asked to use his eyes in beating up the murdered man, but it seemed incredible that a man armed with only a pair of ordinary Chinese wooden clogs, should be asked to assist in the murder of another man in company with four other men who were armed with weapons such as a knife, lead piping, and an iron bar.

When the accused made the alleged statement he may have been frightened or he may have been foolish, the latter being the more likely.

Reason For Canton Trip
Asked why he went to Canton after the incident, the accused said that he was a laundry-man and as he was unemployed, with no immediate prospects in view, some friends of his had suggested that he should go to Canton. It was also stated that he had met the other accused at Canton, but this he denied, stating that he had never seen them until the day of the crime.

He was arrested by the authorities in Canton and was told that if he could disclose the whereabouts of Mak Fat, he would be released. He could not do so, so he was sent back to Hong Kong where he was detained.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. A. Fraser, accused was told by counsel that he seemed to have had no difficulty in understanding the interpretation in this court, although he was unable to understand the Police Court Interpreter. The accused answered that there were some things he did not understand in this court. Mr. Fraser: "I suggest that this statement is a deliberate lie."

"I further submit that your mother and the butcher could not be found shortly after the crime, and had left the Colony?"

His Honour: There is no evidence, Mr. Fraser, to show that the witnesses had indeed left the Colony!

Contradictory Evidence
Lai Mo, of No. 4 Wing Fung Street, called as a witness for the defence, said he had been a friend of the accused's father in the laundry business.

He remembered the day of the crime, and had seen the accused go to the wine shop. He contradicted the prosecution's evidence that the accused had been wearing a white jacket. As far as he could recollect, the accused was only wearing a pair of trousers, and a pair of wooden clogs on his feet.

The case is proceeding.

YOUNG SNATCHER SENTENCED

Youth Who Stole Bag From Mrs. Frost

SIX MONTHS' GAOL AND THE BIRCH

As the result of further enquiries about the 17-year-old unemployed who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy on last Friday morning with snatching a purse from Mrs. G. E. Frost, of No. 32, Cumberland Road, Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning sentenced the defendant to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch.

It was stated on Friday that accused had snatched the purse from complainant, who was walking along Lincoln Road at about 4.40 p.m., and that when about to be caught he threw sand in the complainant's face, being finally caught and held by some stone-breakers, who handed him over to the police.

The first witness this morning, Kwong Fat, a postman who had joined in the chase, stated that Mrs. Frost had been in the Post Office buying some stamps just before he heard her cries. Running out he saw the defendant being chased by the complainant. He joined in and saw accused arrested by the stone-breakers.

Ho Sau, the constable who took accused into custody, stated that he found sand in his pocket, the purse also being in his possession.

Accused declared that the sand got into his pocket when he was dragged on the ground by the stone-breakers who stopped him.

Superintendent W. la B. Sparrow said that he had been instructed to ask His Worship to take a very serious view of the case.

Sentence was passed as stated above.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Mr. H. K. Woo L.L.B. has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes in the Government Vernacular Middle School Hall on Saturday, at 11 a.m.

After her annual overhaul, the R. M. S. Empress of Japan will berth at the Kowloon Wharf at 5.30 a.m. on Saturday, prior to sailing at noon next Tuesday.

The Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Co. Ltd. state that the index figure of message receipts for the month of December was 80.7 as compared with the average for the peak year, 1929, which is taken as 100.

Summoned at the instance of Mr. W. J. Roberts, Hau Yuk-sang, driver of private car No. 3429 appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for failing to drive close to the road when rounding a bend. Defendant pleaded not guilty and the case was adjourned until Friday.

A Carnival Dance will be held in the Gymnasium at Police Headquarters on Friday, February 1, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mickey's Melody Makers will provide the music. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Admission for gentlemen will be \$1.50, ladies \$1, the proceeds being in aid of the Ministering League.

A meeting of the History and Geography Section of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association will be held in the board room of the South China Morning Post on Thursday.

IMPROVEMENT ON WALL STREET

(Continued From Page 6)

E. A. Pierce Co.'s Report
In their market report, the American Oriental Finance Corporation, correspondents for Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company of New York state:

"Stocks: The market was waiting for the Supreme Court decision, and when none was forthcoming, degenerated into dullness. Encouraging trade news kept the undertone firm."

"Grains: The markets were under pressure during most of the session, but there was late rally. Heaviness ruled in Liverpool and Winnipeg. The factor of cold conditions was ignored in corn and the cash basis was a little easier."

"Cotton: Selling was quite active around midday, mostly by longs. The trade offtake broadened at the decline and prices rallied from lows under the same character of buying."

"Rubber: The market was quiet and easier, reflecting the unsettledness of other markets. London was dull but steady. Dealers offerings were light, while manufacturers were holding off and commission houses were buyers on a scale down."

"Sugar: Actuals were slightly easier. There were increased offerings of stored Cubas and Philippines at 2.80 per lb., while buyers were watching. Refined was unchanged and futures were dull."

"Fischer's Weekly Commodity Index was 81.1 as against 80.7 last week."

"Flash: The Supreme Court will not be issuing a decision on the Gold Clause to-day."—Reuter.

Latest Quotations

The following quotations have been received through Messrs. S. F. Levy and Company and the American Oriental Finance Corporation:

	Prev.	To-day's
N.Y. London	4.83 1/2	4.83 1/2
N.Y. Cotton—May	12.52	12.57
N.Y. Rubber—May	13.34	13.24
Chicago Wheat—May	98 1/2	97 1/2
Chicago Corn—May	87 1/2	86 1/2
Montreal Silver—Mar.	54.80	54.80
Silver Official	54 1/2	54 1/2

	Jan. 19	close	Change
30 Industrials	102.96	103.35	.39 up
20 Rails	35.14	35.00	.08 off
20 Utilities	17.36	17.51	.15 up
40 Bonds	95.50	96.02	.52 up
11 Commodity	59.61	59.37	.24 off

	To-day's
17 Leading Stocks	
Amer. Can.	56 1/2
Amer. Smelting	25 1/2
Amer. T. & T.	56 1/2
Auburn	25 1/2
Case	56 1/2
Du Pont	6 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	32
General Motors	9 1/2
Int. T. & T.	27 1/2
McIntyre	27 1/2
Montgomery Ward	19 1/2
Nat. Distillers	19 1/2
N.Y. Central	38 1/2
Socony-Vacuum	38 1/2
Union Pacific	38 1/2
U.S. Steel	38 1/2
Westinghouse, E. & M.	38 1/2
Business Done—490,000 shares	

January 24, at 5 p.m.: The discussion will be on geography text-books and atlases.

A canvas bag, containing some tools, valued at \$7, the property of Dr. Bunje, of No. 2 Sookepoo Village, Link Road, was reported to have been stolen from the car park outside the house on Sunday.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," from Manila, is due here at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and will berth at the Victoria Wharf, which has all vessels bound for Hong Kong. The ship is expected to arrive on Sunday.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

	Jan. 21, 1935	Jan. 21, 1935	Jan. 21, 1935	Jan. 21, 1935
	1935	1935	1935	1935
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
POULTRY.				
Chicken	lb. 40	30	Beef	lb. 30
Capon, Small	" 48	28	Prime Cut	" 30
Large	" 50	28	Corned	" 35
Duck	" 34	22	Roast	" 30
Doves	each 28	22	Breast	" 24
Eggs, Hen (cooking) per doz.	80	18	Soup	" 25
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	32	25	Steak	" 30
Fowl, Hainan	lb. 42	85	Steak Sirloin	" 45
Canton	" 50	—	Sausages	" 38
Geese	" 32	23	Bullock's Brains	per set 17
Pigeons, Canton	" 32	60	Tongue, fresh	each 70
Halkow	" 25	29	Head, corned	" 2.00
Turkeys, Cock	lb. 66	—	Heart	" 24
Hen	64	61	Hump, Salt	" 20
Snipe	each 17	—	Feet	each 10
Pheasant	pair 1.60	2.20	Kidneys	" 15
Quail	each 18	—	Tail	" 25
Partridge	each 75	10	Liver	lb. 24
FRUITS.				
Almonds	lb. 60	35	Tripe	" 80
Apples (California)	" 18	26	Calves' Head & Feet	set 1.80
Bananas (bride's)	" 5	4	Mutton Chop	lb. 44
Carambola	each 12	10	Leg	" 44
Coconuts	lb. 12	—	Shoulder	" 40
Lemons, China	each 9	10	Saddle	" 44
Lemons, Americas	each 9	10	Brains	per set 18
Lichees, Dried	lb. 1.20	25	Pig's Chittlings	" 37
Oranges (Canton)	" 12	—	Feet	" 15
Oranges (Sweet)	" 18	—	Fry	" 28
Pears (Canton)	" 18	—	Head	" 15
Oranges (America)	each 10	—	Kidneys	" 12
Persimmons, Large	each 10	12	Liver	lb. 43
Pumelo, Siam	lb. 20	—	Pork Chop	" 28
Walnuts	" 30	—	Lion	" 32
Grapes	" 30	—	Leg	" 28
VEGETABLES, ETC.				
Artichokes	lb. 12	—	Fat or Lard	" 20
Beans, Sprout	" 4	—	Sheep's Head & Feet	per set 90
Long	" 12	—	Heart	each 12
Beet Root	" 12	—	Kidneys	lb. 15
Brinjals, Green	" 8	5	Liver	lb. 45
Red	" 8	5	FISH.	
Cabbage, Chinese	" 10	—	Sucking Pig to order	lb. 25
(Shanghai)	" 10	12	Suet, Beef	" 30
Caiflower (Large)	each 20	—	Suet, Beef	" 38
(Medium)	" 16	—	Mutton	" 36
(Small)	" 10	—	Venl	" 40
Carrots	lb. 6	5	Sausages	" 32
Celery, Chinese	" 16	10	Canton Fresh	
Chillies, Dried	" 25	—	Water Fish	" 22
Red	" 24	16	Godfish	" 28
Green	" 10	8	Babs	" 28
Curry Stuff, English	" 10	8	Cuttle Fish	" 20
Cucumbers	" 10	8	Dance	" 32
Garlic	" 12	7	Eels, Conger	" 72
Ginger	" 10	20	Yellow	" 38
Horseradish, Shai	45	8	Frogs	" 48
Indian Corn	each 1	—	Carapao	" 56
Lettuce	lb. 6	1	Gudgeon	" 20
Okroos	" 8	8	Herrings	" 20
Onions, Bombay	" 8	8	Halibut	" 32
Green	" 8	8	Lobster	" 53
Shanghai	" 8	8	Mackerel	" 38
Pursley	25	60	Mullet	" 32
Potato, sweet	" 4	5	Oysters	" 26
American	" 4	5	Pearch	" 20
Pumpkin	lb. 6	—	Pike	" 36
Radish	lb. 6	—	Plaice	" 42
Pharab (Fresh)	15	—	Pomfret, White	" 35
Turnips, Puntl	" 6	4	Pomfret, Black	" 24
(Long)	" 10	—	Prawns	" 54
Vegetable Marrow	" 7	15	Ronch	" 26
Water Cress	" 5	—	Salmon	" 44
Water Lily Root	" 5	—	Shark	" 18
Mush Room	lb. 6	2	Skate	" 18
Spinach	" 12	4	Shrimps	" 24
Tomatoes	" 12	4	Tench	" 26
			Turtles	" 70
			Small Fresh water	" 28
			Soles	" 28

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son, a daughter. (Shanghai
papers please copy).

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, January 22, 1935

Naval Bargaining

The decision of the Japanese Privy Council to confirm the denunciation of the Washington Treaty makes no real change in the present situation. It merely gives formal emphasis to an actuality which closely concerns all the maritime Powers, not least the British Empire. For this is, above all, a Pacific question. Japan's suggestion that the United States would do well to take her navy out of the Pacific Ocean merely served to accentuate that truth. The London conversations, which really marked the beginning of the full-dress Naval Conference for the purpose of considering a state of affairs which must end in December, 1936, have done nothing to avert the long-foreseen deadlock. Their suspension for a time has been accompanied by a reassuring statement from Sir John Simon. The Foreign Secretary has had much practice in statements of that kind, and he represents a Power which does not profess to be so keenly exercised over the issues at stake as does the United States. Undoubtedly, it is Japan that has played the forcing role at London, America's part being that of refusing to consent to parity, while willing to extend the existing ratio. The subject, of course, is further complicated by Japan's commitments in Manchukuo, and by the very thorny question of the mandated islands and their possible fortification. When the London conversations opened, many publicists were inclined to regard the Japanese insistence on parity as a bargaining bluff. But this explanation looks less likely to-day.

Judged by all the signs, Japan's attitude, despite all the helpfulness of the frank exchange of views on which Sir John Simon dwells, is inflexible. If that is so, it may mean the eventual breakdown of all negotiations and a return to competitive navy-building, with its ominous potentialities. Every effort to prevent this happening must be welcomed and encouraged. But it cannot be said that the prospect is very hopeful. We read of great rejoicings in Japanese naval circles over the announcement of the Privy Council's re-

solution. That is not the first proof we have had of naval ascendancy in the councils of the Japanese nation. A more moderate tone has been noted on the part of the army and the Ministry as a whole, quite easily to be understood when the difficulties of the national finances are remembered and the hardships which many of the people are known to be bearing. But almost invariably it has turned out that in any difference of opinion, the navy has had both the first word and the last. There seems behind all this to lie some fear, which, to our minds, appears scarcely justified. It is agreed among experts of all nations that no Power could at present make an attack on Japan with any reasonable prospect of success. It is hard to think of any Power seriously contemplating such a step. Nevertheless, this noticeable apprehension persists. Writing to the "Spectator" recently, a special correspondent defined what he called the fundamental feeling of the Japanese people as: "The world stands against Japan, therefore Japan must stand firm against the world."

All this is not merely regrettable, but a little surprising. A nation which believes itself to be without a friend in the world is in a dangerous mood, both for itself and for others. Such a nation should at least ask itself where the fault lies. In turn, its neighbours should do all that they reasonably can to remove causes of misapprehension. Of all measures to gain that end, none could seem stranger than the blunt proposal of the "New Statesman." That Left Wing organ openly declares that the proper way of bringing Japan to a more moderate course lies in "a firm determination on the part of Great Britain and the United States to resist her." A curious doctrine to be put forward by a spokesman whose favourite theme is the condemnation of "Jingoism!" The hope, no doubt, goes with it that what is considered Japanese bluff would be beaten by counter-bluff—precisely the tactics which have made a hundred wars. Resuming the London conversations might surely be preferable, even with reduced optimism. We have to recognise that the Japanese naval party is strong not only from its skill in propaganda and political manoeuvring, but because it enjoys a very wide measure of support. Even if nothing better can be suggested for the moment than the period of reflection in which, according to Sir John Simon, the British Government will be seeking the appropriate time to take action, that is wiser than and policy of provocation.

One case of misapprehension, or of sympathy, was reported in the Colony during the last week. Some-

HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE

AIR-MINDED AFRICA

Remarkable strides in aviation development are being made by South Africa.

The reason for this progress is mainly the energy of Mr. Oswald Pirow.

As Minister of Railways and Defence, Mr. Pirow has both civil and military aviation under his control.

South Africa has had an air force ever since the war. The nucleus was formed by a gift of airplanes from the British Government. Civil aviation is a creation of the last few years.

Both branches are now to be rapidly developed.

IDEAL DEFENCE

At present the South African Air Force, which consists of two squadrons, is concentrated in Pretoria.

Mr. Pirow has planned a base for Cape Town. Machines are at present being constructed in Britain.

The main centres of the Union are already linked up by air, but the services are to be improved and extended during the next twelve months.

Mr. Pirow, in addition to being a champion boxer, weight-lifter and swimmer, also holds an air pilot's certificate.

Your Daily Smile!

"Loyally" Walking down Whitehall, a young woman was addressed by a young German, who, raising his arm in salute, said: "Hell Hitler! Vest-minister Abbey, vere is he?"

The reply was prompt: "God save the King! It is around the corner."

To Help Out. "I want to buy that book in the window called 'How to Captivate Men,'" said the little girl to the assistant in the bookshop.

The man looked dubiously at the child.

"That's not the sort of book for you," he said. "What do you want it for?"

"I want it to give to my daddy for a birthday present."

"But surely there are hundreds of books he would rather have?"

"No, I know he'd like that one. You see, he's a policeman."

His Share. "Now, sir," said the conjurer, with a flourish of his hands, "would you be surprised if your half-crown, which you have seen disappear in the air, was found on the other side of the theatre?"

"Very surprised," said the man in the audience.

The conjurer went to the other side of the stage and pointed to a small boy at the back of the stalls.

"Hi, boy," he called, "will you stand up and feel in your left-hand trouser pocket to see if there is a half-crown there?"

There was a slight pause, then the boy spoke.

"There's only two and fourpence, guv'nor," he stammered out. "You said I could have two pence for helping you, and I've spent it."

LOCAL RESIDENT

PASSES

Mrs. Angelina D'Azevedo Basto

Mrs. Angelina D'Azevedo Basto, aged 54, who had been ill for the past few months, passed away peacefully this morning at 2 a.m. from paralysis and heart failure, at her residence, at No. 299, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

She is survived by two sons, Messrs. J. M. A. Basto and C. P. Basto, well-known share brokers, and one daughter who is married to Mr. J. E. Noronha.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at the Roman Catholic Cemetery and will pass the Monument at 5.15 p.m.

CARGO BOAT SUNK

Seven Rescued But Arms Consignment Lost

A junk cargo boat, No. 8289R, was rammed and sunk by the s.s. Ho Heing at 8.30 p.m. yesterday. According to the Police report, four crew, 18 rounds of ammunition, and 25 pounds of gunpowder were on the cargo boat.

W. Y. Chang, master of the Ho Heing, stated that he was leaving the harbour through the San Shi Channel when the cargo boat suddenly appeared on the water, and he was unable to avert a disaster. The seven (six) on the cargo boat were rescued.

IRISH FREE STATE
CITIZENSHIP BILL
MAKES LITTLE REAL
DIFFERENCE

IRISHMEN WILL STILL REMAIN
BRITISH SUBJECTS

(By Hugh A. Law)

EVERYONE knows that what the soldier said is not evidence. But perhaps it is not so generally understood that what the M.P. says in the course of Parliamentary debate is not law.

Hence, one may guess, much of the anxiety which has prompted the questions in the House of Commons regarding the Citizenship Bill which has now passed its second reading in the Dail.

Many must have been puzzled by the contradictory statements made by Mr. De Valera and Mr. Thomas respectively. For the former is reported as asserting that "no one in this country will be a British subject when this bill becomes law," while the latter, supporting himself by the highest legal authority, has declared that the bill "does not purport to, and could not in any case, deprive any person of his status as a British subject."

It may, therefore, be of interest to examine exactly what the bill does, and does not, propose to do. Nowhere among its 29 clauses do the words "British subject" or "allegiance" appear, nor does the present status of any inhabitant of the Free State seem to be affected by it, unless it be indirectly, and in some few instances by reason of the proposed repeal of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act of 1914 and 1918.

In order to understand both what is proposed and why any such legislation is held to be required, one must advert to Article 3 of the Constitution of the Irish Free State.

Under this article only those persons are entitled to citizenship—and, therefore, inter alia, capable of exercising the franchise—who were "domiciled in the area of the Irish Free State at the time of the coming into operation of this Constitution," i.e., on Dec. 6, 1922. Neither the Constitution nor any subsequent Act includes any provision whereby persons not so domiciled could acquire citizenship, or whereby even the children of citizens could do so, if themselves born after that date.

The main purpose and effect of the bill is to supply this last mentioned omission by a declaration that all such persons are to be deemed "natural-born citizens."

Secondly, it enables certificates of naturalisation to be issued and revoked.

Mr. J. H. Thomas is Right. It also contains some interesting provisions relating to the vexed question of the relations between marriage and citizenship, and to extension of "mutual rights of citizenship" between Saorstát Eireann and other countries. The bill is of considerable length, but the greater part of it is matter consequential upon what is indicated above.

It will, therefore, be seen that Mr. Thomas is undoubtedly right in his statement that the bill does not even purport to deprive any one of his status as a British subject. The whole question of inter-commonwealth relations has, indeed, been studiously ignored, and may even be considered, perhaps, as outside the scope of the measure.

After making the statement referred to earlier, Mr. De Valera added apologetically:

"We are not able to take British Acts off the Statute Book, and we are not able to tell the British that they must cease calling our citizens British subjects."

Mr. De Valera's Vagueness. Then followed the extraordinary sentence which has attracted so much attention:

"But take it that when this bill is passed, if there is any substance at all in the principle which has been agreed upon at some of the Imperial

Conference, it would be an impertinence if they were to claim us as citizens of their country, and I am sure that which would then be an impertinence would then cease."

It is not easy to make sense of Mr. De Valera's vague and diffuse pronouncements; and here, for example, it is by no means clear whether he employs the words British subject and British citizen as synonymous. In modern usage, at any rate, they certainly bear different meanings. Mr. Gandhi is undoubtedly a British subject, and so, however much he may dislike it, is Mr. De Valera. But it would hardly occur to one to describe either as a British citizen.

One cannot help suspecting that a good deal of the trouble has its source in a certain confusion of mind. Just as to many people in Ireland the word Dominion seems to carry with it a notion of feudal overlordship wholly at variance with modern constitutional developments, so with Mr. De Valera, I fancy, does the phrase "British subject" connote the idea of subjection to the British.

Status of Irish Subjects. We are all, in some degree, victims of unanalysed verbal associations—the "unseen assassins" of one of Sir Norman Angell's remarkable books—and Irishmen perhaps more than most. As a friend said to me not long ago, "We Irishmen pay more attention to what things are called than to what they are."

The spirit in which this bill has been conceived, and still more in which it has been advocated, is undoubtedly regrettable; but study of its provisions does not suggest that its passing will in itself make any difference either in the legal status of his Majesty's Irish subjects, or in the constitutional relations between Ireland and the rest of the Commonwealth.

This is indeed fortunate, since, whatever its nature, the bill is not likely to be rejected or dropped. General O'Duffy's quarrel with his former colleagues has profoundly weakened the Opposition both in the Dail and in the constituencies; while the last Senate elections have reduced its former majority in that chamber to vanishing point.

Every day brings Mr. De Valera nearer to the moment when his existing ascendancy will have become, through the disappearance of all effective checks, an uncontrolled but indisputable dictatorship.

KIDNAPPING IN KOWLOON

12 Months' Hard Labour For Accused

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was this morning passed on Wong Chang, a 25-year-old unemployed, who was charged with the kidnapping of a 13-year-old girl Ng Shi, by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, at the Central Magistracy.

Wong Tai, a fish-monger, faced the same charge, but was discharged owing to insufficient evidence.

In passing sentence on Wong Chang, His Worship said: "Kidnapping a child is one of the most dastardly crimes. Unfortunately it is only within my power to give you 12 months' hard labour."

SOLDIER IN ACCIDENT

Pte. Whitechurch (R.A.M.C.) of Whitfield Barracks reports that at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday he was injured down a Chinese shikha while cycling on the Castle Road, near the Police Station. The child sustained injuries and was treated at a nearby dispensary.

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NOJIMA MARU Thursday, 28th Feb.

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and Valencia.

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Sense Of Humour

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laughter, because it seems Joe has a hunk of Limburger cheese in his duke, and what I shake hands with is this Limburger. Furthermore, it is some of Mindy's Limburger cheese, and everybody knows that Mindy's Limburger cheese is very squashy, and also very loud.

Of course, I laugh at this, too, although to tell the truth I will laugh much more heartily if Joe the Joker drops dead in front of me, because I do not like to be made the subject of laughter on Broadway.

But my laugh is really quite hearty when Joe takes the rest of the cheese that is not on my fingers and smears it on the steering wheels of some automobiles parked in front of Mindy's, because I get to thinking of what the drivers will say when they start steering their cars.

Then I get to talking to Joe the Joker, and I ask him how things are up in Harlem, where Joe, and his younger brother, Freddy, and several other guys have a small organization operating in beer, and Joe says things are as good as can be expected considering business conditions. Then I ask him how Rosa is getting along, this Rosa being Joe the Joker's ever-loving wife, and a personal friend of mine as I know her when she is Rosa Midnight, and is singing in the old Hot Box before Joe hauls off and marries her.

Well, at this question Joe the Joker starts laughing, and I can see that something appeals to his sense of humour, and finally he speaks as follows:

"Why," he says, "do you not hear the news about Rosa? She takes the wind on me a couple of months ago for my friend Frankie Ferocious, and is living in an apartment on Bedford Avenue, over in Brooklyn, right near his house, although," Joe says, "of course you understand I am telling you this only to answer your question, and not to holler copper on Rosa."

Then he lets out another large ha-ha, and in fact Joe the Joker keeps laughing until I am afraid he will injure himself internally, and I am figuring on getting away from him, because if Joe is found there in front of Mindy's with internal injuries the gendarmes are bound to be around asking for information, and I can see it will not sound so reasonable to them if I say he laughs himself into these injuries. Personally, I do not see anything comical in a guy's ever-loving wife taking the wind on him for a guy like Frankie Ferocious, so when Joe the Joker finally quiets down a bit I ask him what is funny about the proposition.

"Why," Joe says, "I have to laugh every time I think of how the big greaseball is going to feel when he finds out how expensive Rosa is. I do not know how many things Frankie Ferocious has running for him in Brooklyn," Joe says, "but he better try to move himself in on the mint if he wishes to keep Rosa going."

Then he laughs again, and I consider it wonderful the way Joe is able to keep his sense of humour even in such a situation as this, although up to this time I always think Joe is very daffy indeed about Rosa, who is a little doll, weighing maybe ninety pounds with her hat on, and quite cute, although personally I always consider her a little too snappy in her remarks, which is the way little dolls always are.

Now I judge from what Joe the Joker tells me that Frank Ferocious knows Rosa before Joe marries her, and is always pitching to her when she is singing in the Hot Box, and even after she is Joe's ever-loving wife, Frankie occasionally calls her up, especially when he commences to be a rising citizen of Brooklyn, although, of course, Joe does not learn about these calls until later. And about the time Frankie Ferocious commences to be a rising citizen of Brooklyn, things begin breaking a little rough for Joe the Joker, what with the depression, and all, and he has to economize on Rosa in spots, and if there is one thing Rosa cannot stand it is being economized on, which is also the way little dolls always are.

Along about now Joe the Joker gives Frankie Ferocious the hot foot, and just as many citizens state at the time it is a mistake for Frankie to start calling Rosa up more than somewhat, and speaking of what a nice place Brooklyn is to live in, which it is, at that and between these boots for Brooklyn, and Joe the Joker's economy, Rosa just naturally hauls off and takes the subway to Borough Hall, leaving Joe a note telling that if he does not like it he knows what he can do.

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PIANO RECITAL

"Female Paderewski" At Hotel

JANUARY 30 ARRANGED

Madame Renee Florigny, the French pianist of international reputation, who recently arrived in the Colony, is scheduled to give a Recital in the Roof Garden of The Hong Kong Hotel on the evening of January 30 at 8 o'clock.

She is making a leisurely round-the-world trip and has already covered an extensive field. At all the places visited in Europe, Canada, America, South American Republics, India, the Straits Settlements, Japan, and Shanghai she has given successful concerts.

In each and every instance the Press reports have been full of convincing enthusiasm concerning her brilliant playing, and musical critics have termed her a "female Paderewski."

Wide Repertoire

Madame Florigny has an exceptionally wide repertoire, but likes especially the composers Beethoven, Chopin and Mozart. Those two have heard her play claim that her interpretation of these masters is an unforgettable joy, so subtle is her understanding of their moods, and so smooth and finished her technique in rendering their masterpieces.

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The Programme

An excellent programme is promised for the occasion which is as follows:—

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Gavotte Lully
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(b) "Lullaby"
(c) "Chopcherry"
(d) "Sweet Content"

By Peter Warlock

(e) "Heffle Cuckoo Fair"

By Martin Shaw

2.—Polonaise in C Minor, and

Etude in E Minor, by Chopin.

3.—THREE SONGS IN GERMAN

(a) "War ich nicht ein Halm"

by Tschakovsky.

(b) "Shlagende Herzen" and

"Cacilie" by R. Strauss.

4.—Prelude in D Flat, and

Fantaisie-Improvisation, by Chopin.

5.—THREE ENGLISH SONGS

(a) "Fair House of Joy"

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(b) "To Daffodils" by Delius.

(c) "The Nightingale has a Lyre of Gold"

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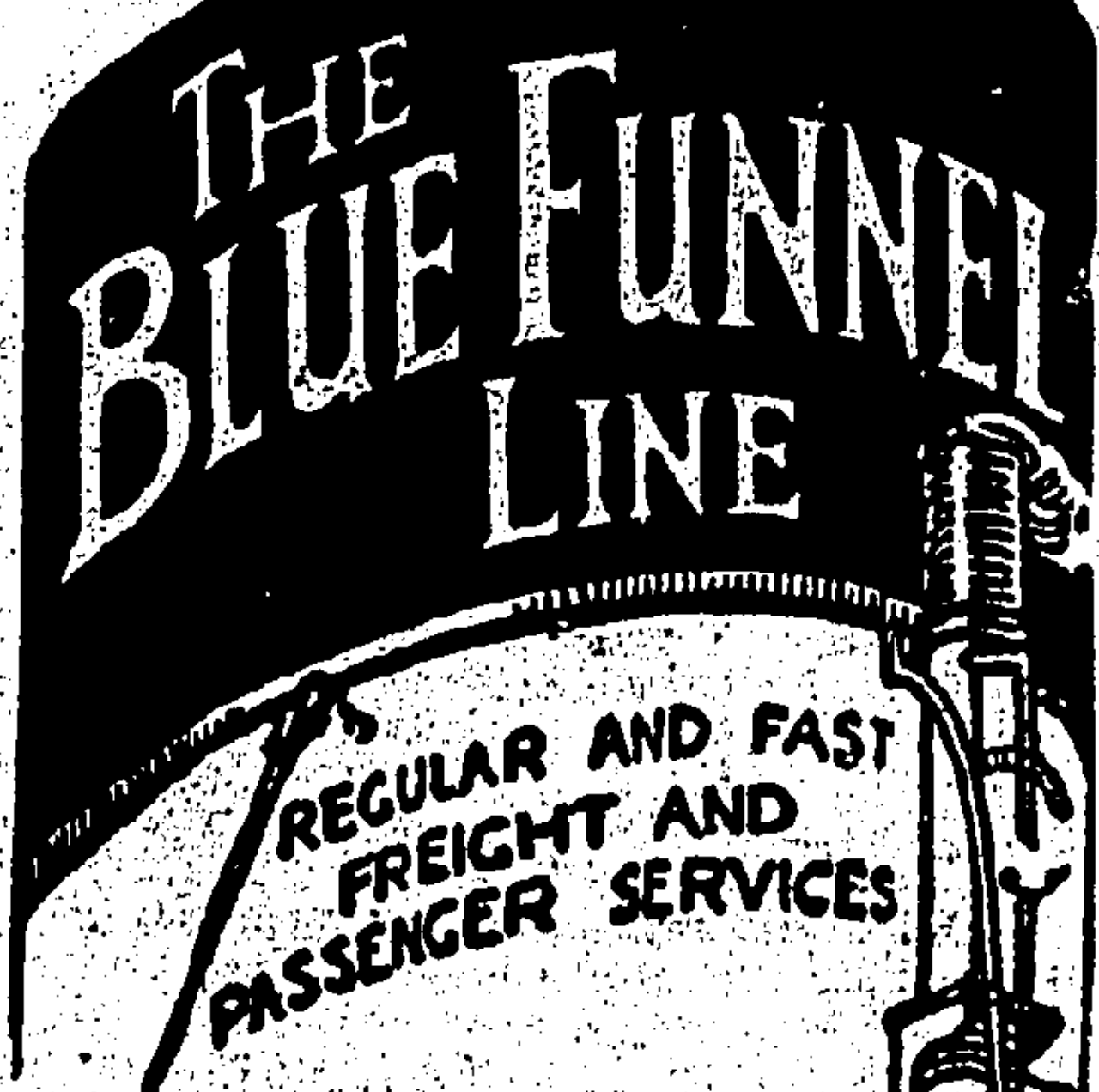
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Sense Of Humour

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So then, when somebody comes along and opens the sack, they find the guy dead, and nobody is responsible for this unfortunate situation, because after all the guy really commits suicide, because if he does not try to straighten out his knees he may live to a ripe old age, if he ever recovers from the tap on the noggins.

Well, a day or two later I see by the papers where three Brooklyn citizens are scragged as they are walking peacefully along Clinton-street, the scragging being done by some parties in an automobile who seem to have a machine gun, and the papers state that the citizens are friends of Frankie Ferocious, with the machine gun are from and that it is rumoured the parties Harlem.

I judge by this that there is some trouble in Brooklyn, especially as about a week after the citizens are scragged in Clinton-street another Harlem guy is found done up in a sack like a Virginia ham near Prospect Park, and now who is it but Joe the Joker's brother, Freddy, and I know Joe is going to be greatly displeased by this.

By and by it gets so nobody in Brooklyn will open as much as a sack of potatoes without first calling in the gendarmes, for fear a pair of No. 8 shoes will jump out at them, although everybody admits that the sack-making business is a picking up wonderfully just at this time it needs help. But the citizens of Brooklyn are complaining about their borough being all cluttered up with guys in sacks, and the Health Department is thinking of taking steps in the matter.

Now one night I see Joe the Joker, and this time he is all alone, and I wish to say I am willing to leave him all alone, because something tells me he is hotter than a stove. But he grabs me as I am going past, so naturally I stop to talk to him, and the first thing I say is how sorry I am about his brother, Freddy.

"Well," Joe the Joker says, "Freddy is always a kind of a sap. Rosa calls him up and asks him to come over to Brooklyn about getting me to give her a divorce," she says, "so she can marry Frankie Ferocious, I suppose. Anyway," he from what I read in the papers, says, "Freddy tells Commodore Jake why he is going to see her. Freddy always like Rosa, and thinks maybe he can catch it up between us. So," Joe says, "he winds up in a sack. They get him after, he leaves her apartment. I do not claim Rosa will ask him to come over if she has any idea he will be sacked," Joe says, "but," he says, "she is responsible. She is a bad luck doll."

Then he starts to laugh, and at first I am greatly horrified thinking it is because something about Freddy being sacked strikes his sense of humour when he says to me like this.

"Say," he says, "I am going to play a wonderful joke on Frankie Ferocious."

"Well, Joe," I say, "you are not asking me for advice, but I am going to give you some free, gratis, and for nothing. Do not play any jokes on Frankie Ferocious, as I hear he has a more sense of humour than a nanny-goat. I hear Frankie Ferocious will not laugh if you have Al Jolson, Eddie Cantor, Ed Wynn and Will Rogers telling him jokes all at once. In fact," I say, "I hear he is a dead tough audience."

"Oh," Joe the Joker says, "he must have some sense of humour somewhere to stand for Rosa I hear, he is daffy about her. In fact," Joe says, "I understand she is the only person in the whole world he really likes, and trusts. But I must play a joke on him. I am going to have myself delivered to Frankie Ferocious in a sack."

Well, of course, I have to laugh at this myself, and Joe the Joker laughs with me, and pretty soon citizens are stopping to watch us, and some of them laugh with us, although they do not know what we are laughing at, but probably figure one of us just tells the other a dirty story. Personally, I am laughing just at the idea of anybody having themselves delivered to Frankie Ferocious in a sack, and especially Joe the Joker, but of course I have no idea Joe really means what he says.

"Listen," Joe says finally, "A guy from St. Louis who is a friend of mine is doing most of the sack-making for Frankie Ferocious. His name is Ropes McGonigle. In fact," Joe says, "he is a very dear old pal of mine, and he has a wonderful sense of humour like me. Ropes McGonigle has nothing whatever to do with sacking Freddy," Joe says, "and in fact he is very indignant about it since he finds out Freddy is my brother, so he is anxious to help me play a joke on Frankie."

"Only last night," Joe says, "Frankie Ferocious sends for Ropes and tells him he will appreciate it as a special favour if Ropes will bring me to him in a sack. 'I suppose,' Joe says, 'that Frankie Ferocious hears from Rosa what Freddy is bound to tell her about my ideas on divorce and have very strict ideas on divorce,' Joe says, 'especially where Rosa is concerned I will see her in what's this before I ever do her and Frankie Ferocious such a favour as giving her a divorce.'"

"Anyway," Joe the Joker says, "Ropes tells me about Frankie Ferocious propositioning him, so I send Ropes back to Frankie Ferocious to tell him he knows I am to be in Brooklyn to-morrow night, and furthermore, Ropes tells Frankie that he will have me in a sack in no time. And so he will," Joe says, "Well," I say, "personally I see no percentage in being delivered to Frankie Ferocious in a sack, because as near as I can make out there is no future for a guy in a sack that goes to Frankie Ferocious. What I cannot figure out," I say, "is where the joke on Frankie comes in."

"Why," Joe the Joker says, "the joke is I will not be asleep in the sack, and my hands will not be tied, and in each of my hands I will have a John Roscoe, so when the sack is delivered to Frankie Ferocious and I pop out blasting away, can you not imagine the astonishment of Frankie?"

Well, I can imagine this all right. In fact when I get to think of the look of surprise that is bound to come to Frankie Ferocious's face when Joe the Joker comes out of the sack I have to laugh, and Joe the Joker laughs right along with me. I can see that it is a wonderful joke, and I am wishing I have a sense of humour like Joe.

"Of course," Joe says, "Ropes McGonigle will be there to start blasting with me in case Frankie Ferocious happens to have any company. Ropes McGonigle is practically furious," he says, "not only because of Freddy, but because Frankie Ferocious wishes me sacked up, and Ropes is only too glad to help me out in every respect. I only wish," Joe says, "that Ropes is with us now to help us laugh."

Then Joe the Joker goes on up the street leaving me still laughing from thinking of how amazed Frankie Ferocious will be when Joe bounces out of the sack and starts throwing slugs around and about. I do not hear of Joe from that time to this, but I hear the rest of the story from very reliable parties.

It seems that Ropes McGonigle does not deliver the sack himself after all, but sends it by an expressman to Frankie Ferocious's house on Bedford-avenue. It is a nice three-story house in a fine neighbourhood, although I hear the other neighbours never consider Frankie Ferocious any good to property values in this section.

It seems that Frankie Ferocious receives many sacks such as this in his time because it seems that it is a good way to get rid of a person, especially if the contents of the sack are checked up on them before they are distributed about the city, and, of course, Ropes McGonigle

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PRISONER'S DEATH IN GAOL

Inquest Yesterday

VERDICT OF DEATH FROM
NATURAL CAUSES

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned by the jury at an inquest held at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon into the circumstances surrounding the death of Chan Fuk, a prisoner, who died at the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday.

Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones sat as Coroner, while the jury comprised Mr. W. J. D. Roberts (foreman), Mr. C. de M. C. Vieira Ribeiro, jun., and Mr. Leung Shu-po.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, of the Government Civil Hospital, testified that death was due to chronic intestinal obstruction.

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strange expression on his face and
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ever hears from him when the
gendarmes break in and put the arm

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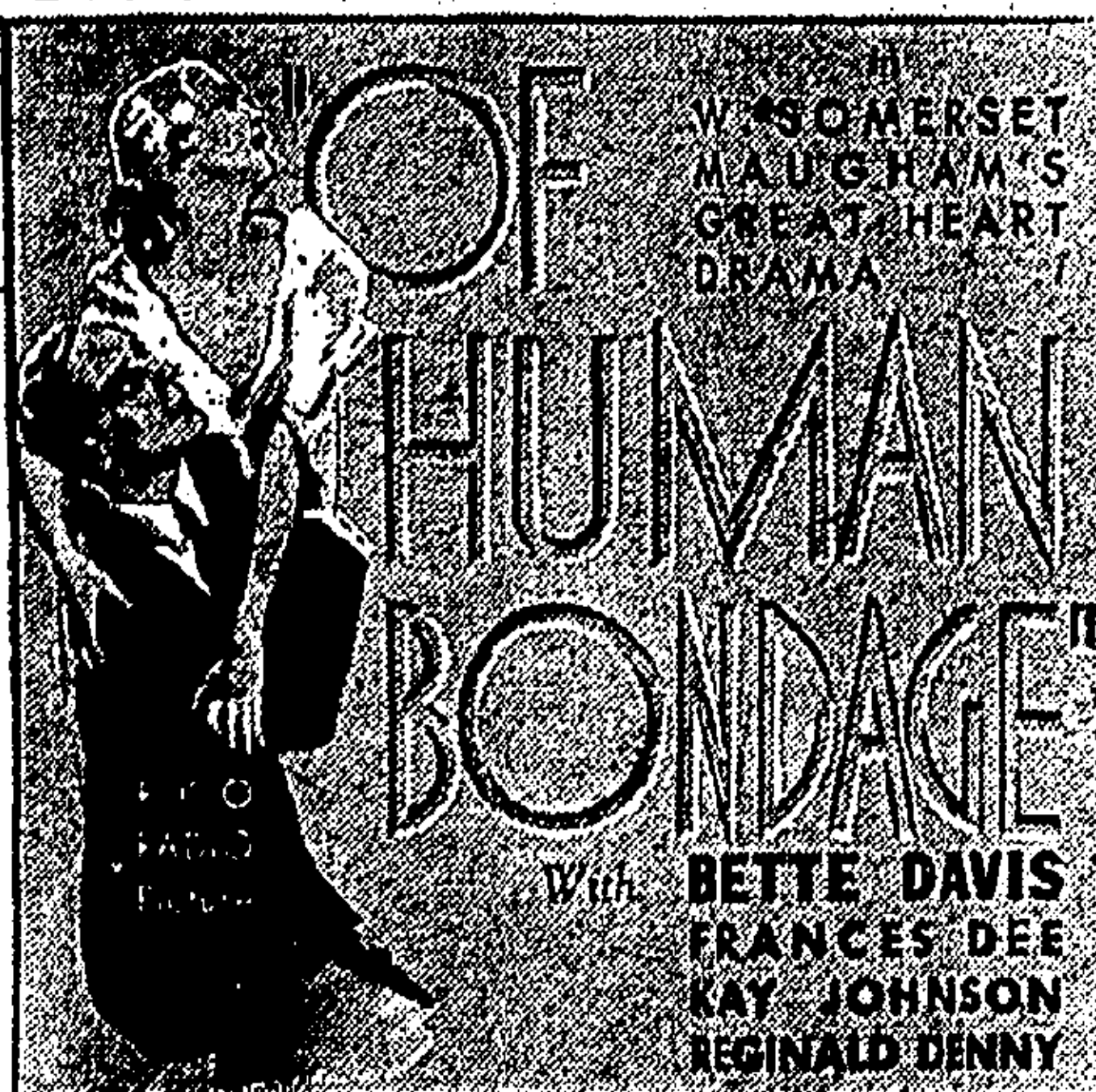
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STUDENT'S THEFT OF GOLD WATCH

Leave To Bring Evidence Of Character

BUT MAGISTRATE THINKS SENTENCE DESERVED

Appearing before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on behalf of Wong Lam-kiu, the 17-year-old student who was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Hamilton on Saturday, January 12, for stealing a gold watch from Fung Keung, a shop fook, on June 4, Mr. Leo D'Almada, sen., asked His Worship if he would consider hearing evidence for defendant's character.

Mr. D'Almada admitted his client had been wrong in pleading not guilty, and that he had also been wrong not to get any legal advice. He pleaded that the defendant had committed the offence in a moment's temptation. He could produce many witnesses for the defendant's character, such as his school teachers, the master of the place at which he had been staying, and also his father.

He then suggested a personal bond signed by the defendant and his father should be sufficient.

"If the boy had just taken the watch," said Mr. Hamilton, "I would not have sentenced him, a bond would have been sufficient; but as he showed such a skilful mind as to have the watch changed, I think the sentence is deserved."

His Worship, however, agreed to hear the evidence as to character, stating that he would not release the defendant before three weeks. He fixed the hearing for Saturday next.

HUGE STOCK PURCHASE

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In the last five years, it was brought out at the recent national conference on crime at Washington, there were 3,278 bank robberies in the United States, with losses amounting to more than \$15,000,000. It was estimated that some 12,000 citizens were murdered each year, 100,000 assaulted, 50,000 robbed and the homes of 40,000 burglarised.

From the enactment in July, 1932, of the federal Lindbergh law against kidnapping to the arrest of Bruno Hauptmann last September department of justice agents investigated 29 abduction cases and with one possible exception solved them all.

EUROPEAN IN COLLISION

A collision occurred in Shaokwan Road at 9 p.m. yesterday when Mr. Gahagan's car, No. 1836, proceeding from east to west, collided with a lorry belonging to the Hop Hing Factory close to the Polo Club. His car was slightly damaged, but there were no casualties.

HOUSE-BREAKERS FRUSTRATED

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All the doors and windows being locked they pulled the ladder up managed to get at an open window on the second floor which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tam.

Mrs. Tam was then awakened by the noise they made in attempting to steal an overcoat with a bamboo pole.

She silently woke Mr. Tam, who sprang up and seized the pole, using his strength to push it outwards. He heard a crash which indicated that the thieves fell down, and immediately ran down to the ground floor, but the robbers had fled.

TO COMMEMORATE SILVER JUBILEE

"King's House" To Be Built

DESIGN SELECTED BY THEIR MAJESTIES

London, To-day.

Building operations are about to begin at Burhill, Surrey, on "King's House," which is to be erected to a design by Mr. Beresford Marshall as a gift by the Royal Warrant Holders Association to commemorate His Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

The scheme for building and equipping for the accommodation of such a person as the King might nominate, a small house, representative of the best that British architecture, building and furnishing can produce, had the advance approval of His Majesty and prominent architects were invited to submit designs.

The King and Queen made the final selection from three of these which had been set aside by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, President of the Institute of British Architects.—British Wireless Service.

BLIND TRAVELLERS

Concession By Atlantic Shipping Companies

As a result of representations by the National Institute for the Blind, three Transatlantic shipping lines have agreed to allow a blind person and an accompanying guide to travel at the reduced rate of 75 percent. of the normal fare.

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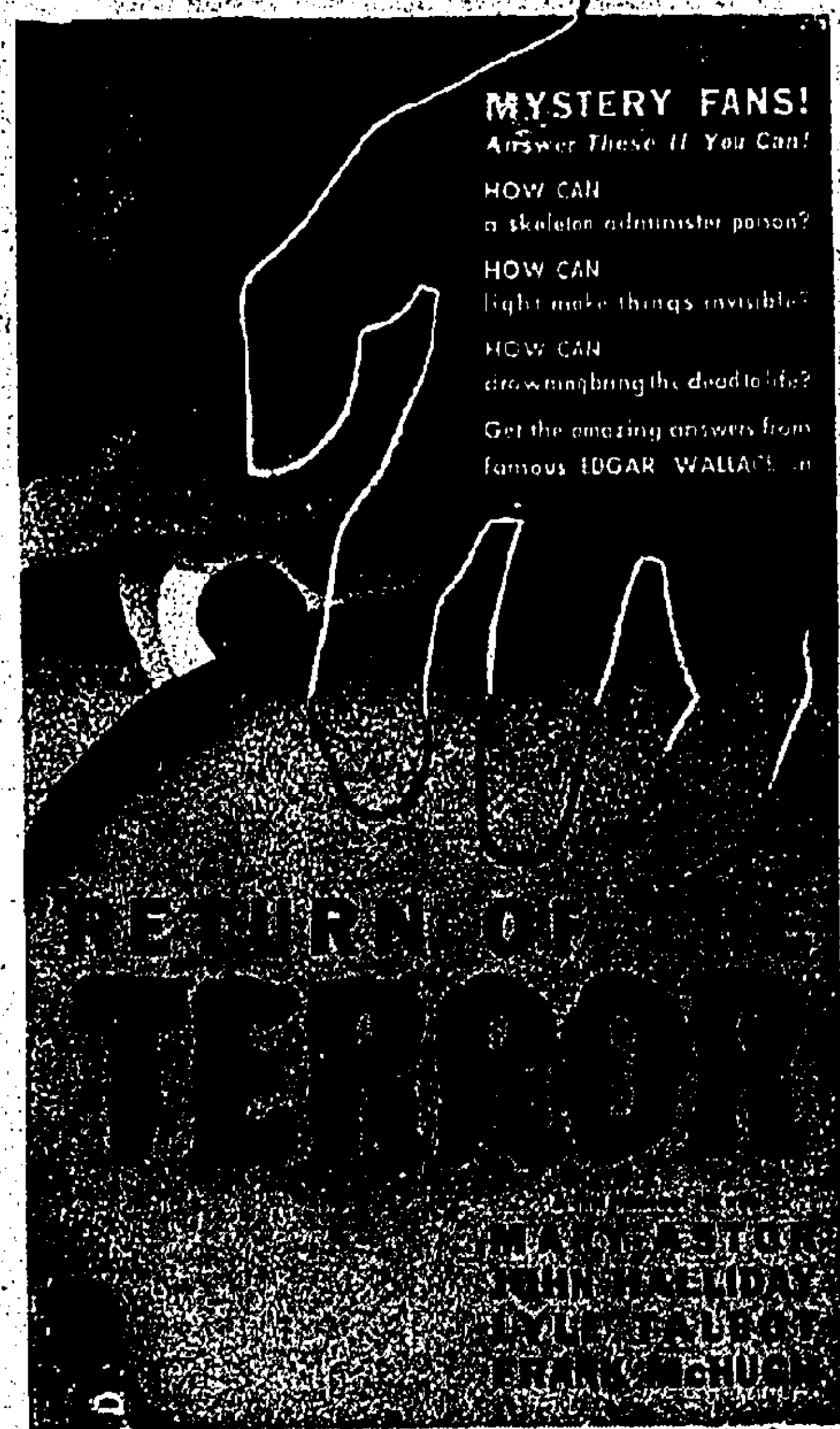
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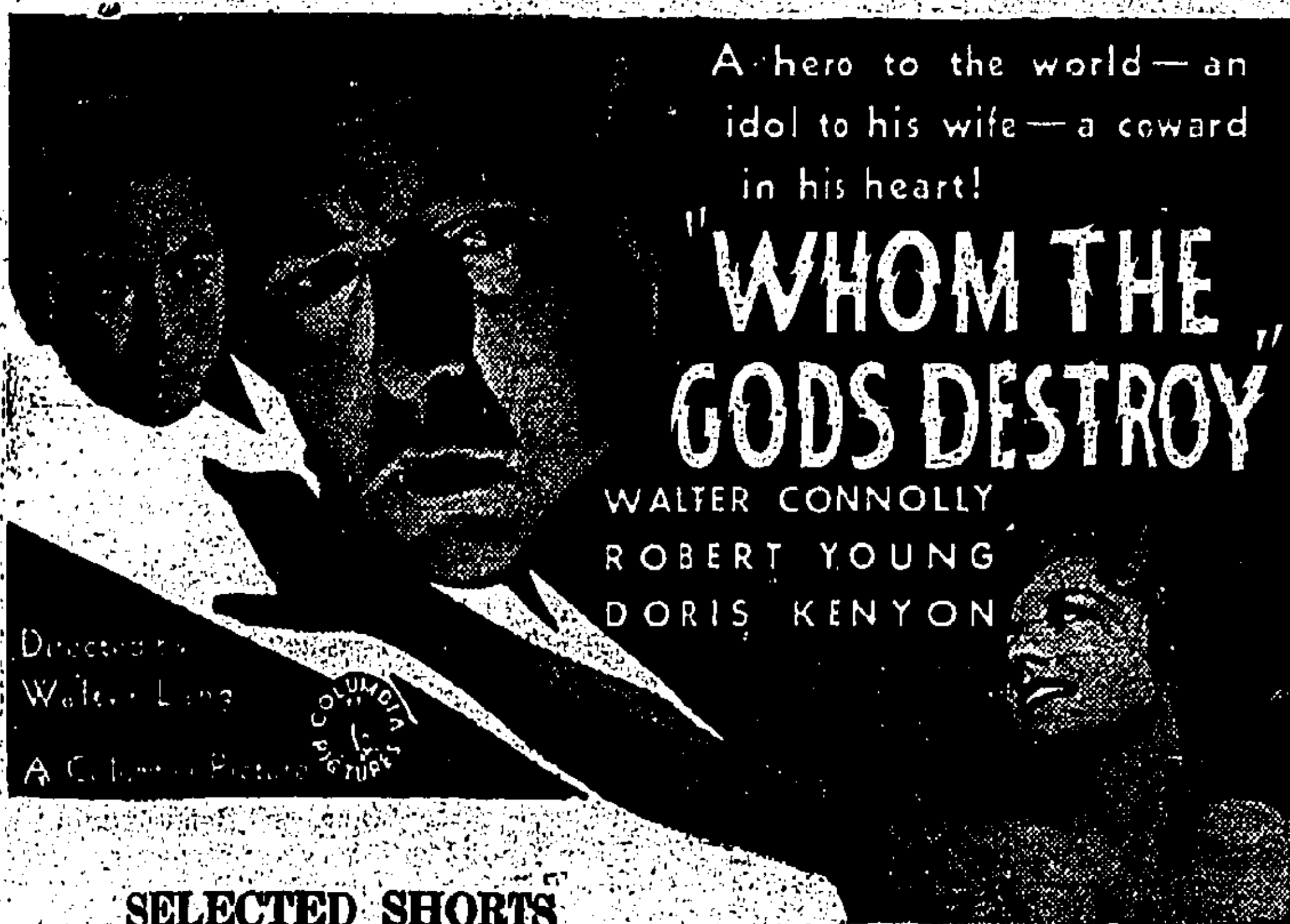
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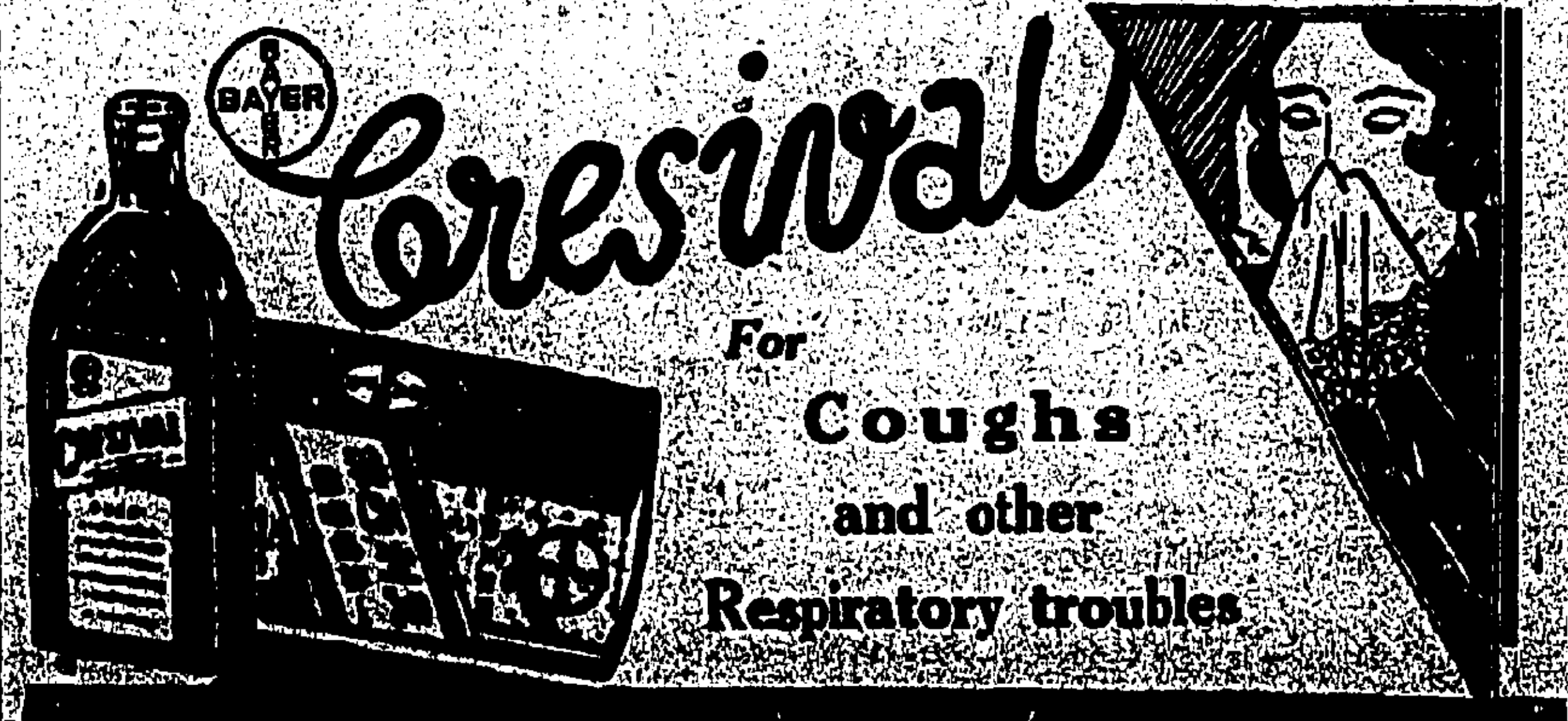
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VALVERDA ASSUMED OUT OF DANGER

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SIX VESSELS TO RESCUE

London, to-day.—Fire broke on the British oil-tanker Valverda, a vessel of 8,807 tons, in mid-Atlantic yesterday, and, in response to wireless calls for immediate help, six merchantmen of various nationalities are reported to be steaming with all speed to the scene.

Reports state that two ships of the British Navy are also proceeding to the Valverda's assistance, one of them being the Cadet Training Cruiser Frohisher, which, it is stated, was expected to reach the Valverda at midnight; the other is unidentified. The Admiralty have received no confirmation, but state that the Frohisher, which left Sheerness for Trinidad on January 11, is probably in the vicinity. Other British cruisers at present in the West Indies are the York and the Delhi.

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CORTINENTS KEEN DEMAND FOR DOLLARS

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Swiss centres had offered gold against French francs, but later cancelled all gold sales. The market opines that both sterling and the dollar are rising on the inherent weakness of the gold currencies.—Reuter.

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